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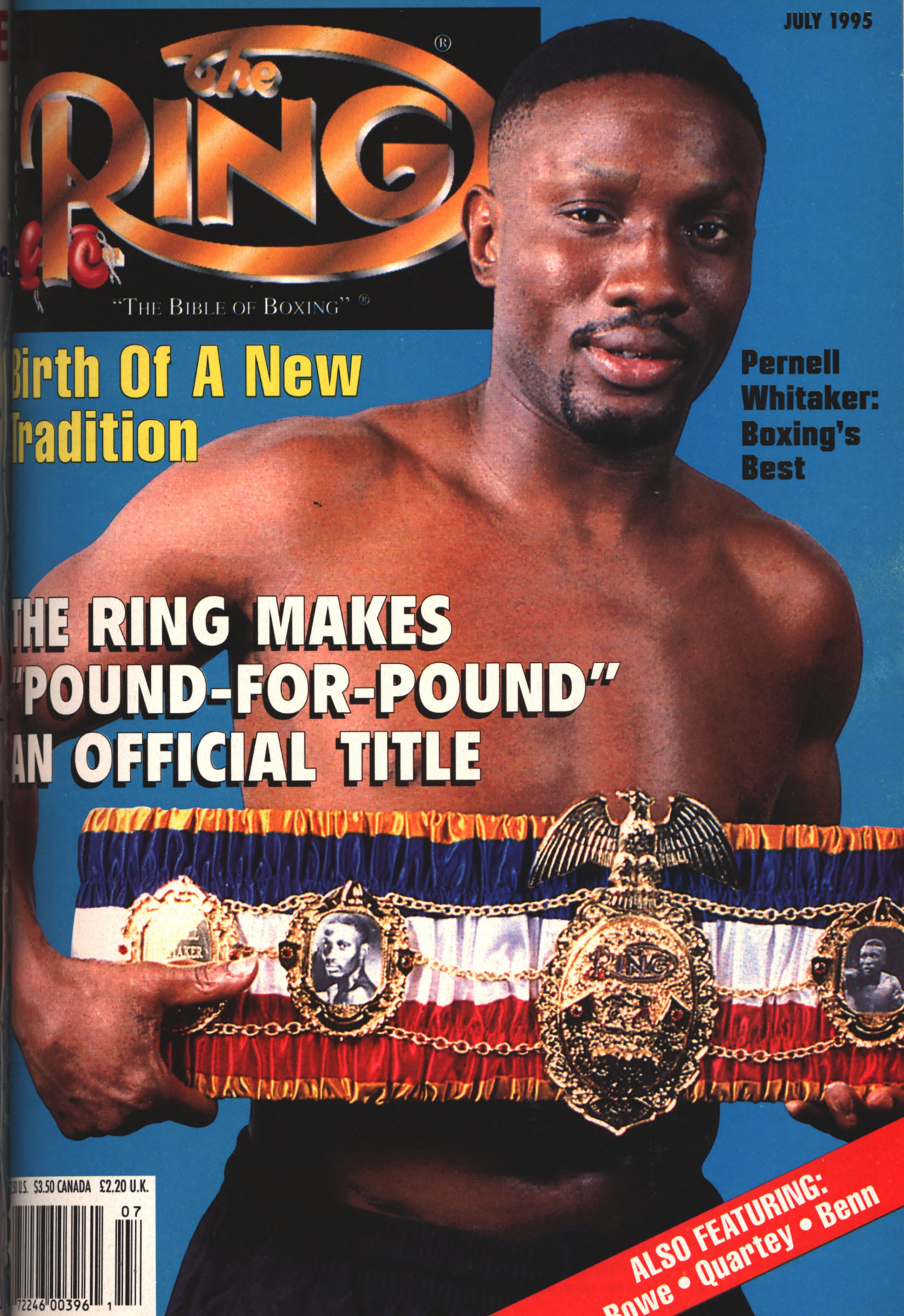

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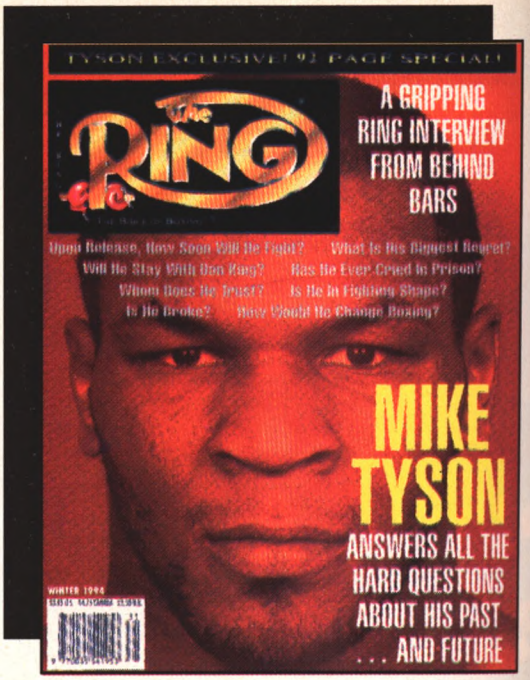

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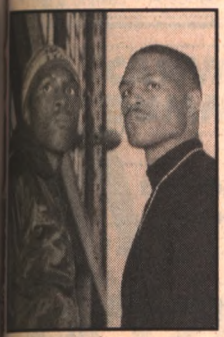

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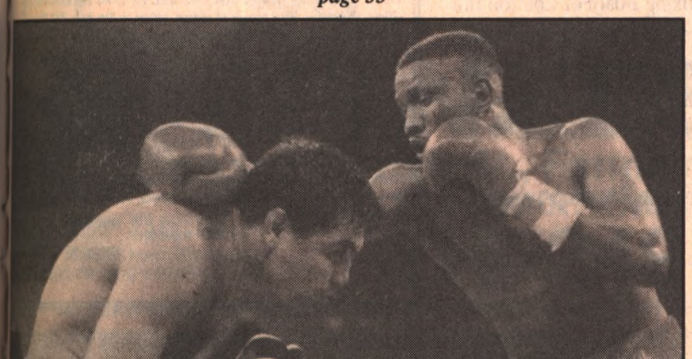

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While WBC welterweight titlist Pernell Whitaker was preparing for his challenge of junior middleweight champion Julio Cesar Vasquez, I phoned Mike Boorman, a publicist for Main Events, and requested a photo shoot. It could be arranged, I was told; Whitaker would be in New York City a few days before the fight.

" ... And make sure Whitaker brings his championship belt," I added.

"Only one problem," answered Boorman. "He doesn't *have* a belt. [WBC President] Jose Sulaiman wrote us a letter asking us why Pete doesn't wear the belt into the ring. There's a good reason: He doesn't have one."

After I hung up the phone, I wondered how it was that the best fighter in the world didn't own a championship belt. Wasn't that a bit like an Oscar winner going home without a statue? I called Boorman back and made a suggestion that I hope leads to a new boxing tradition.

"Let's give Pete a belt awarded by THE RING to the fighter listed first in our pound-for-pound ratings," I said. "When Whitaker loses, or is dropped from the top spot, we'll make a new belt and award it to his successor—Roy Jones, Mike Tyson, whoever it happens to be."

Boorman loved the idea, largely because he knew Whitaker would love it, too. "Sweet Pea," it has become apparent, doesn't care whether he's a champion of the WBA, the WBC, the IBF, or the CIA. Nor does he care whether he fights at welterweight, junior middleweight, or catchweight. He just wants to keep proving he's the best fighter in the world. As far as I'm concerned, he proved that almost two years ago, when he masterfully outboxed Julio Cesar Chavez in San Antonio.

I made my presentation to Whitaker at a prefight press conference, and when he made his ring walk for the Vasquez fight, he was preceded by one of his handlers, who lifted THE RING pound-for-pound belt high over his head. Inscribed on the belt are the words "PERNELL WHITAKER—Best Fighter, Pound-For-Pound, 1995." Had he lost to Vasquez, it would've been the shortest reign in boxing history. But Whitaker cooperated by winning a unanimous decision, not to mention a title in his fourth different weight class. *(See story on page 35.)*

With the alphabet organizations losing credibility by the hour, here's to hoping THE RING'S pound-for-pound championship belt becomes boxing's foremost symbol of excellence.

Congrats, Sweet Pea. But remember, the rest of the pack is closing fast.

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For some fans, the unforgettable battle between Nigel Benn and Gerald McClellan *(see story on page 40)* was particularly disturbing because virtually nothing could have been done to prevent McClellan's brain injury. We can't, in good conscience, blame the WBC or the ringside physicians or the referee or the British Boxing Board of Control. If a finger must be pointed, point it at boxing. McClellan was a well-conditioned, world-class fighter who was, at the time of his career-ending injury, engaging in a brutal and compelling title fight. It may seem casual, if not flippant, to say that these things happen, but they do, and for as long as we don't alter "the hardest game," they always will. In the meantime, let's make the sport as safe as we can.

As we went to press, McClellan's condition was improving. THE RING is praying for a full and speedy recovery.

Steve Farhood
Editor-in-Chief

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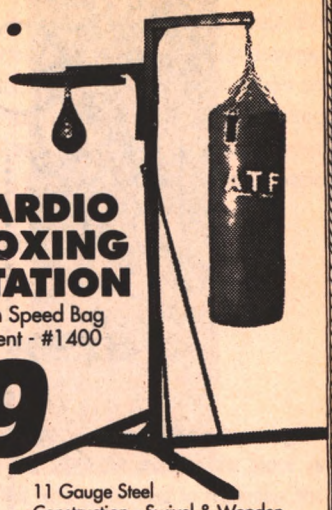

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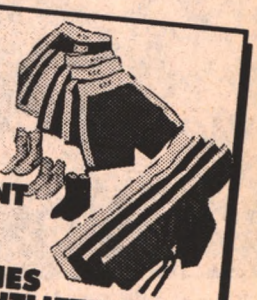

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THE McCLELLAN TRAGEDY

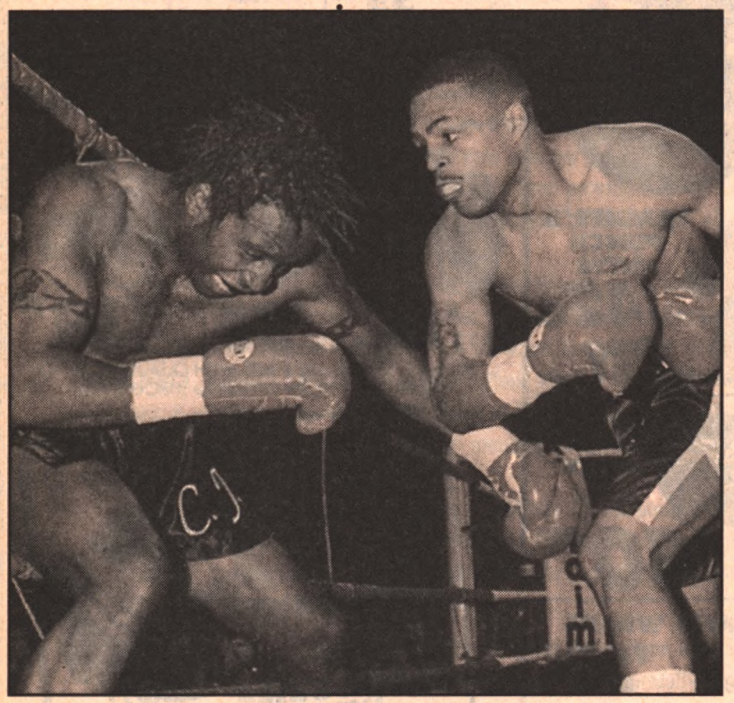
I was deeply saddened by the tragic events that took place at The London Arena on February 25. The title fight between Nigel Benn and Gerald McClellan was anticipated by many insiders to be one of the greatest shootouts in middleweight or super middleweight history. The fight certainly lived up to expectations, as two warriors battled for 10 furious rounds before McClellan faltered and subsequently collapsed in his corner with a serious brain injury.

In handicapping the bout, I felt there was only one way McClellan could lose: if he failed to score an early kayo and ran out of gas in the late rounds. His quick-starting style had been successful in three consecutive middleweight title bouts, but none of the opponents had possessed the heart or courage of super middleweight champion Benn.

I have to wonder whether the release of longtime trainer Emanuel Steward had anything to do with McClellan's obsession with first-round knockouts. Under Steward, he was a more patient fighter who looked for the kayo when the opportunity was there. Had he done this in London, he would easily have flattened Benn by the third or fourth round.

I've been praying for McClellan. Perhaps he can win the ultimate battle and make a full recovery.

JOHN ERIC MEYER
Wayne, NJ



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Benn and McClellan engaged in an unforgettable war

It's a shame how the American Medical Association and certain doctors in Great Britain are trying to ban the sport of professional boxing. I watched the Benn-McClellan fight, and what happened was a great tragedy. But it should be remembered that there are thousands of professional boxers, and such incidents are extremely rare. Professional boxing is being made a scapegoat, as there are many other sports that are just as dangerous, if not more so, such as football and auto racing. You can't attack one full-contact sport and not the others.

Over the past several years, boxing has taken several steps to make the sport as safe as possible, including a reduction in the length of world title fights from 15 to 12 rounds, mandatory suspensions for fighters who have suffered kayo defeats, and extensive medical examinations.

Instead of picking on boxing, why don't we try to improve the safety standards in all sports?

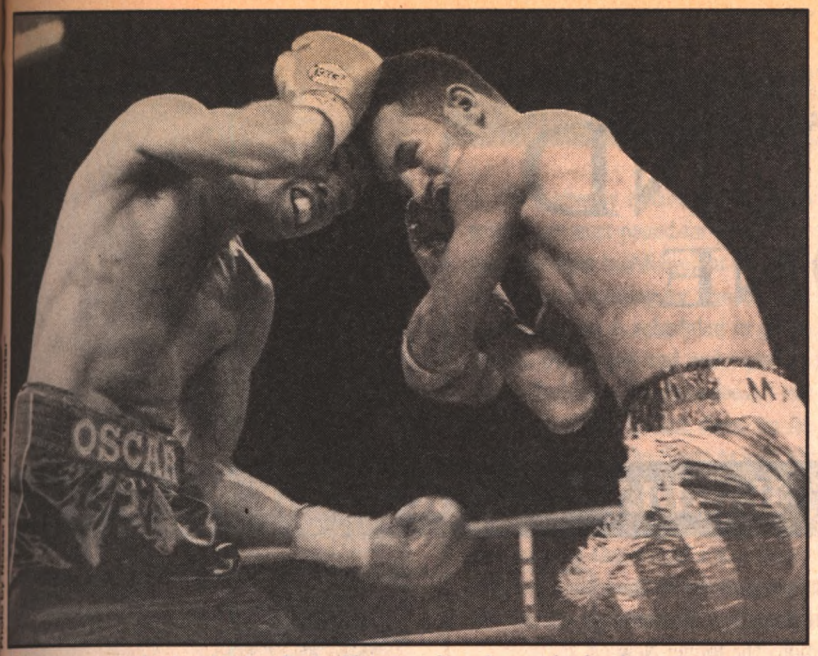
MICHAEL MITTON
El Cajon, CA

First Nigel Benn whacks out Iran Barkley while "The Blade" is sitting on the canvas. Then he crashes head-first into Gerald McClellan. Benn should be very proud of those two victories. What next?

J. HEFLEY
Cleveland, TX

NOT SO GOLDEN

After watching the Oscar De La Hoya-John-John Molina fight, I can understand why Molina was picked as an opponent: He lacks height and reach, and he packs the punch of a featherweight. A strong, fast lightweight



Against Molina, De La Hoya was forced to use his head

would have stopped him. Instead, we witnessed the inadequacies of the highly publicized De La Hoya. He displayed an inability to fight inside, or at least a lack of desire to do so. He failed to demonstrate a good short, straight right or an uppercut with either hand. And his lateral movement was almost nonexistent.

The fight may be over by the time you print this letter, but I predict that if De La Hoya doesn't stop Rafael Ruelas in the first couple of rounds, he'll suffer the first knockout loss of his brief career.

My advice to Oscar is to take up acting. There was only one "Golden Boy," and he fought in the late-'40s and early-'50s, packing the house every time. His name was Art Aragon.

FRED GARCIA
Chimayo, NM

A VOTE FOR BIVINS

This is one voice calling loudly for Jimmy Bivins to be inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame. All of us who followed boxing in the '40s and '50s remember Bivins. For years, he was ranked by THE RING at light heavyweight or heavyweight. During his career (1940-1955), he fought 24 bouts against world champions, winning several of them. And during World War II, while Joe Louis was in uniform, he was called the uncrowned heavyweight champion. He finally met "The Brown Bomber" in 1951, and lost by decision.

Fight fans in and around Cleveland, where Bivins is still active training young fighters, remember him with awe and great pride. For several years, Bivins was considered near-unbeatable. It's time this splendid fighter was recognized and inducted into the IBHF, where he rightly belongs.

AL BROWN
Somerdale, NJ

EASE UP ON TYSON

In response to Jeff Ryan's column in the April 1995 issue ("'Next Year' Is Here"), I would like to point out that many boxing fans, myself included, believe Tyson was innocent of the charges for which he was incarcerated. That aside, why is Ryan upset that a first-time felon received parole after serving half his sentence? Ryan acts as if Tyson were Jack the Ripper.

Let's face it: Today's boxing writers have disliked Tyson from the beginning of his career. I would like to see articles detailing the youths of Rocky Graziano and Jake LaMotta. Why don't you publish articles on Joe Louis' rumored drug abuse, or the *admitted* drug abuse of Sugar Ray Leonard? If you're going to judge Tyson so harshly, please judge all boxers in the same manner.

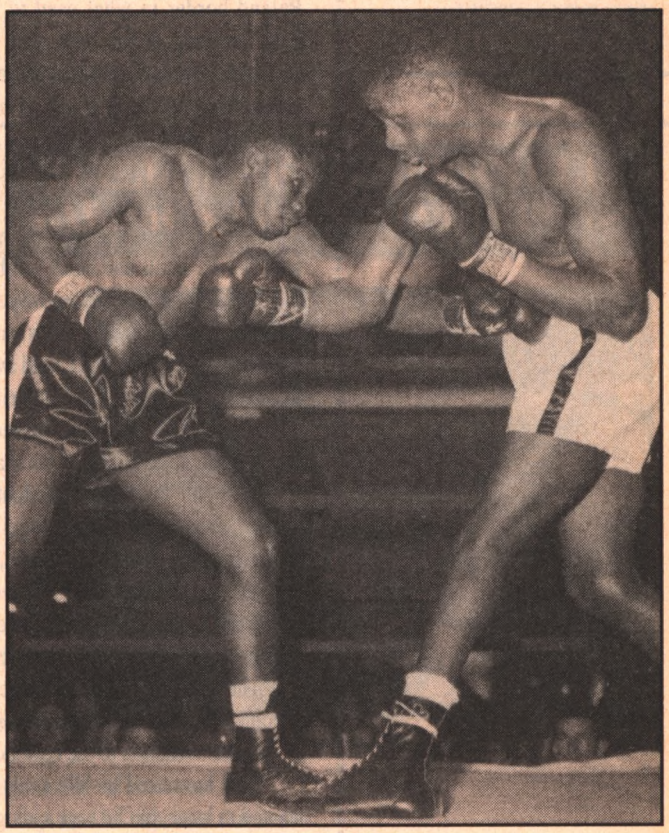
OTTO V. LEVINE
Austin, TX

WBO: READY, SET, GO

Enough is enough, already! There's been a glaring omission in THE RING for many years: Since its formation in 1988, you've refused to recognize the WBO. I understand that in its early years, the organization lacked champions of exceptional talent. But through the years the ratings have improved, and the WBO must now be considered at least on par with the so-called legitimate organizations.

The WBO has crowned such worthy champions as Gerald McClellan, Thomas Hearns, Chris Eubank, Michael Carbajal, Michael Moorer, Hector Camacho, Verno Phillips, Zack Padilla, and especially Oscar De La Hoya and Riddick Bowe. It's time to put politics aside and list the WBO's ratings next to the other alphabet organizations.

ALAN MERGLER
Bronx, NY ■



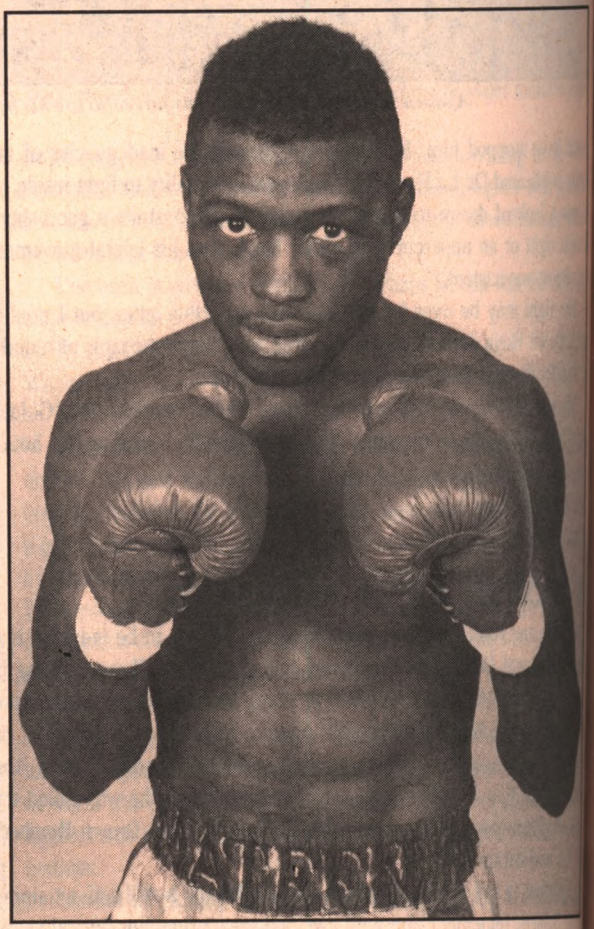
Bivins (left) outpoints Doc Williams in 1951

ROUND ONE

HARDLY A WALK IN THE PARK

Ernest Mateen grew up on the mean streets of Brooklyn's Bedford-Stuyvesant section. The former New York Golden Gloves champion has been boxing professionally since 1991, and has been ranked among the light heavyweight division's top 10. He thought there was nothing that could scare him. He was wrong.

Earlier this year, Mateen was hired to work as a sparring partner for IBF 175-pound champion Henry Maske at Maske's camp near the Poland border in what used to be East Germany. A few days after he arrived, Mateen, who is black, encountered racism in a way he had never imagined.



Mateen: A scary road trip

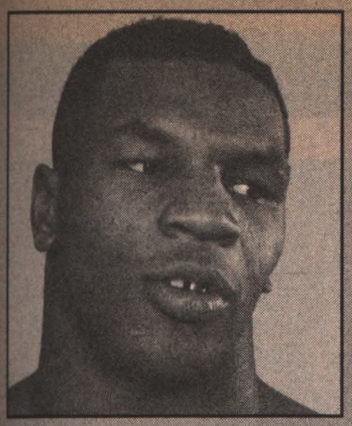
Mateen was jogging in a local park when he noticed a group of about seven teenagers, complete with shaven skulls and black combat boots, fitting the description of your basic Neo-Nazi, standing in his path. They were drinking beer, and two females in the group had Rottweiler dogs on leashes. As Mateen approached, he said one of the male teenagers pulled a knife. The fighter quickly changed direction, jogging across the park toward his trainer, Francis Romano. Sensing something wrong, Romano fetched a tree branch for protection. According to Mateen, the teenagers began laughing as he and Romano exited the park. Earlier that week, three teenagers in a car had thrown rocks and bottles at world-ranked cruiserweight Adolph Washington, another black American sparring partner, while he was doing roadwork.

"The attitude of some of the people over there is that they still think what Hitler did was right," said Mateen. "People looked at us like we were garbage. It was uncomfortable. It was scary being that far away from home."

Maske's reaction to the episode was revealing.

"First he treated us like strangers," said Mateen. "But after the incident took place, he gave us respect. I wanted to leave, but he kept apologizing for what happened."

–Robert Cassidy



The fans want Tyson to fight Foreman

TYSON: THE FANS SPEAK OUT

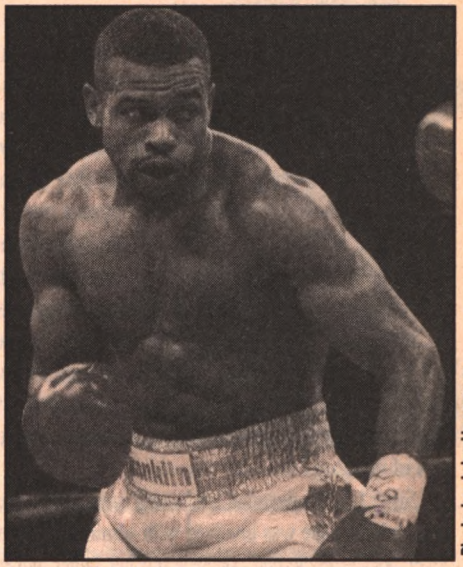
In a viewer telephone poll conducted during the USA Network's *Tuesday Night Fights* on February 28, fans were asked, "Who would you like to see Mike Tyson fight when he's released from prison?" Viewers were given four choices: George Foreman, Riddick Bowe, Buster Douglas, and Evander Holyfield. (What? No "Doughboy" Tomashek?) The results, with more than 6,000 fans responding:

Foreman: 28.4 percent
Douglas: 27.3 percent
Bowe: 26.6 percent
Holyfield: 17.6 percent

It's no surprise Foreman finished first. As for Douglas' strong showing, we can draw only one conclusion: USA's viewers are infatuated with fat, poorly conditioned heavyweights—just as the network's ratings suggest.

THE WEIGHTING GAME

He's already ranked either first or second on most pound-for-pound lists, but IBF super middleweight champion Roy Jones is looking for heavier game. In June, Jones is scheduled to defend against overhyped and underqualified Vinny Pazienza. That bout doesn't really motivate him. In fact, there are few fighters his size who figure to give him a good scrap. As a result, Jones has talked of moving up to 180 pounds and challenging the world's top heavyweights. Ridiculous? Not from his point of view. His comments:



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Jones: Looking for heavier game

•Riddick Bowe & Lennox Lewis: "I wouldn't fight them. They're too big."

•Michael Moorer: "I'd beat him."

•George Foreman: "I'd try him. He's too slow."

•Ray Mercer: "I'd kill him. All he can do is punch."

•Evander Holyfield: "Evander has a big heart and keeps coming and coming. And I'd keep hitting him and hitting him."

•Tommy Morrison: "I'd fight him, but let him win a title first."

•Mike Tyson: "Let's see ... He's about my height, which is good. He can punch and is quick for a heavyweight. But can he take *my* punch?"

–Anthony Carter Paige

THE 10 CHALLENGES ON PERNELL WHITAKER'S MUST-DO LIST

10. Dip so low during a fight that he can untie his opponent's shoelaces with his teeth.

9. Play the Mary Magdalene role in a revival of *J.C. Superstar* and sing the classic ballad "I Don't Know How To Glove Him."

8. Master the art of dog-catching so he'll gain recognition as number one, pound-for-pound, in the world.

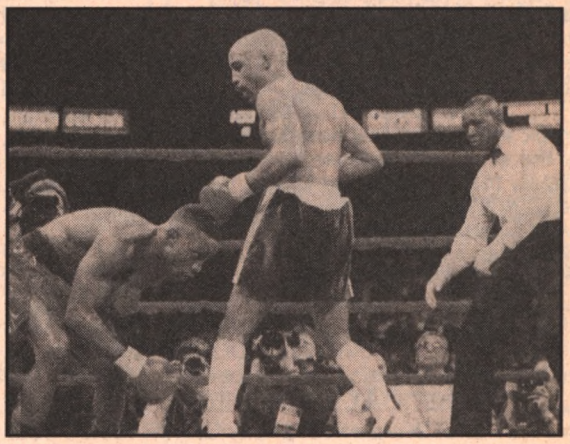
7. Spin Lou Duva in the corner between rounds and, just once, scream at him, "You're boxin' *beautiful* out there."

6. Attend the next WBC convention and pour sour coconut milk into the pina coladas of the organization's judges.

5. Score a knockout with a behind-the-back punch.

4. Outpoint his next opponent, Gary Jacobs, while conducting a Marcus Haynes-like dribbling exhibition in ring-center.

3. Lend Buddy McGirt his left arm and overcome a three-hands-to-one handicap to defeat his rival for a third time.



Whitaker: Dippity-do

2. Debate Hector "Macho" Camacho on the merits of sequined boxing trunks on *Meet The Press*.

1. Run for President, stressing national defense and dipping to his right the first time his opponent slings mud.

SISTER ACT

George Foreman isn't the first punchin' preacher. English bare-knuckle champion William Thompson, who adopted the ring name Bendigo, heard the Word of God while serving his 28th prison sentence and was converted to the Revivalist sect. Tommy Burns and Henry Armstrong spread the Word when they were finished spreading noses over opponents' faces. Tiger Flowers was nicknamed "The Georgia Deacon." And fighters whose names must rate a point or two on the heavenly scorecard include Bob Pastor, Jewel Chappell, and Michael Nunn.

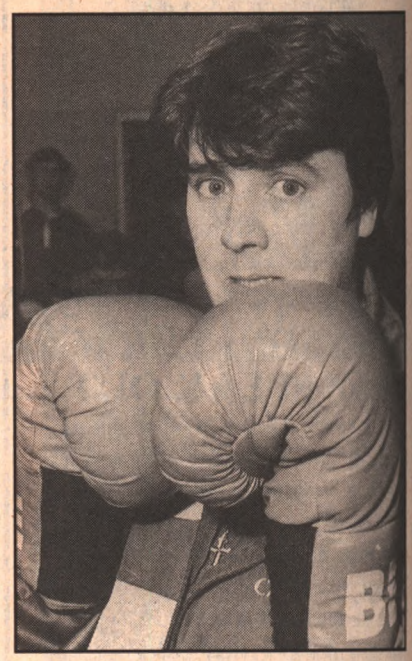
But until now, we haven't come across a nun with a calling to the fight game. Meet Sister Liz Smyth, a 30-year-old member of the Dominican Order of Catholic nuns in Dublin, Ireland. Smyth has just qualified as an amateur boxing coach with the Cabra Club and has received her official certificate from the Irish Amateur Boxing Association.

Sister Liz plays her full part, appearing in the boxers' corners to dole out advice and encouragement and, when necessary, provide words of comfort. Tactfully, she stays out of the dressing rooms, but she says, "The boxers respect me as a coach, not as a nun. They take instruction from me just as they would from any coach. The most important thing is that I'm part of the team."

Sister Liz' "conversion" to boxing came about when she took up the role of youth officer in her area. Initially, she was involved with administration, but she soon became interested on a practical level. As her uncle had coached and her father and brother boxed, it was automatic that she was drawn to encouraging youngsters to take up the sport as an alternative to street activity.

"People ask me why I support a sport that seems so bloodthirsty," she says. "But I don't see it like that. I think it's a very skilled sport, and it's a good discipline for kids."

–Patrick Myler



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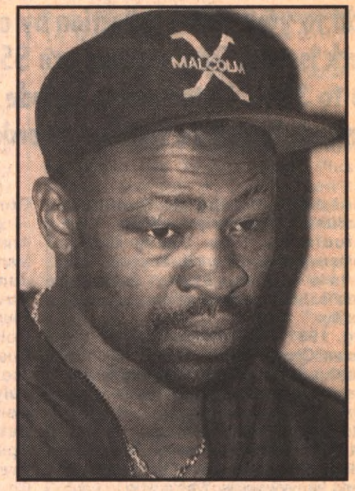
THE PUNCHLINE

"Better get married *before* the fight. Otherwise, the wedding pictures won't look so good."

Cornerman Sean Gibbons to Bryan Scott, before the heavyweight's second-round kayo loss to unbeaten contender Jorge Luis Gonzalez (Scott was married in Las Vegas the day before the bout.), as reported by Wallace Matthews in the *New York Post*.

In February, former heavyweight contender **Smokin' Bert Cooper**, 29, was arrested in Chester, Pennsylvania, for allegedly punching his wife after she refused to give him money and cigarettes. Cooper was charged with aggravated assault, simple assault, recklessly endangering another person, and harassment ... According to published reports, former heavyweight champion **Evander Holyfield** lost $1-million in a single weekend playing craps and blackjack at Caesars and Bally's Park Place casinos in Atlantic City ... Two-division former world champion **Buddy McGirt** is suing **Dr. Richard A. Boiardo**, seeking unspecified damages to cover lost earnings, medical bills, and "severe and excruciating pain." McGirt contends the doctor failed to properly diagnose and treat his left shoulder when Boiardo examined the fighter almost two months before his 1993 loss to **Pernell Whitaker**. Following that bout, McGirt underwent surgery to repair a torn rotator cuff.



Smokin' Bert: More legal problems

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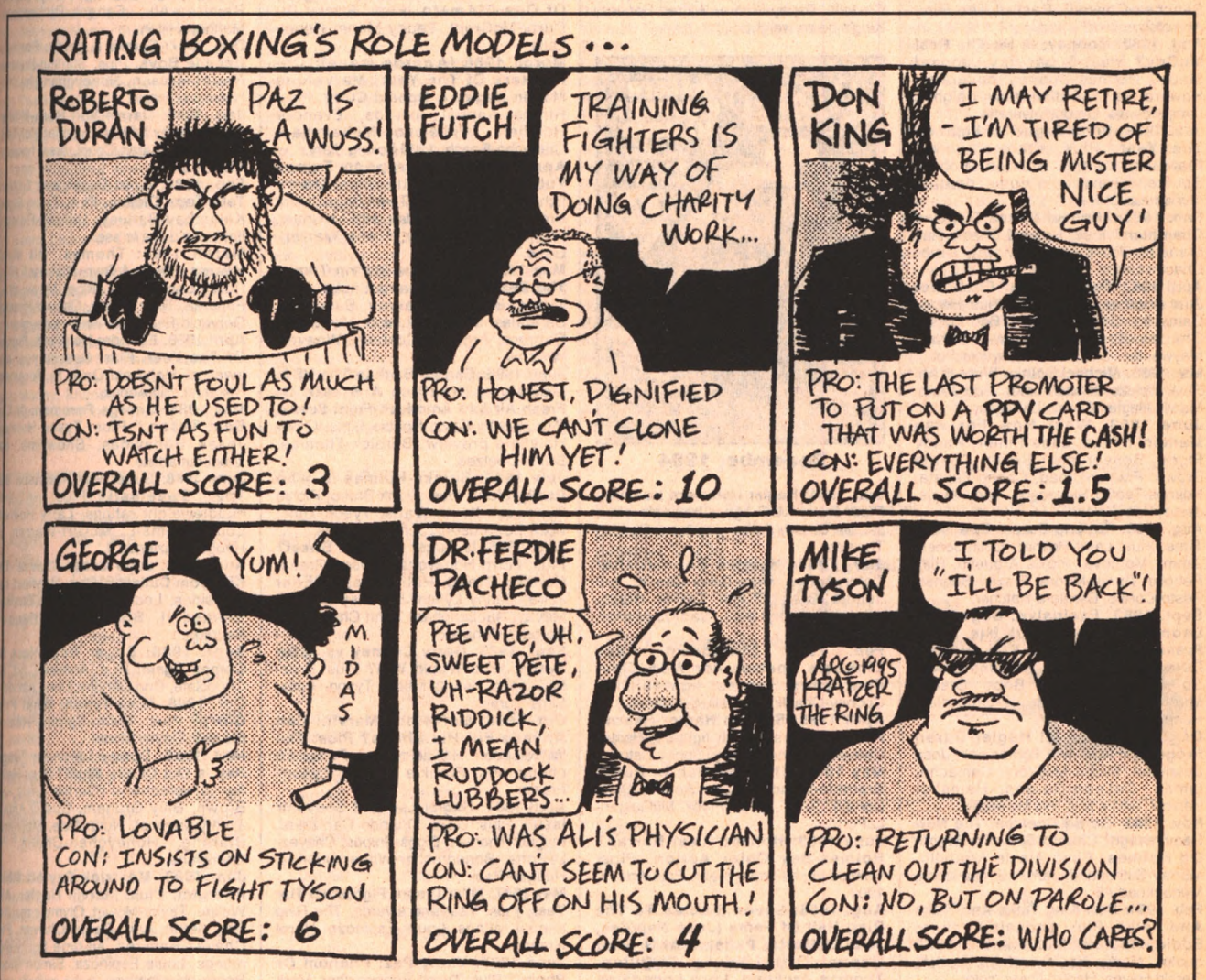

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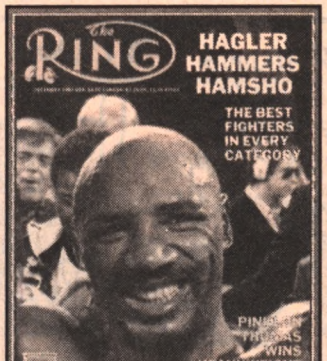

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
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1. **GEORGE FOREMAN** Houston, TX *73-4 (IBF Champ)*
2. **OLIVER McCALL** Chicago, IL *25-5 (WBC Champ)*
3. **RIDDICK BOWE** Fort Washington, MD *36-1*
4. **MICHAEL MOORER** Detroit, MI *35-1*
5. **LENNOX LEWIS** England *25-1*
6. **LARRY HOLMES** Easton, PA *61-4*
7. **HENRY AKINWANDE** England *24-0-1*
8. **JORGE LUIS GONZALEZ** Las Vegas, NV *23-0*
9. **LIONEL BUTLER** Houston, TX *23-10-1*
10. **ALEXANDR ZOLKIN** Columbus, OH *21-2*

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 195 pounds

1. **ORLIN NORRIS** Campo, CA *43-3 (WBA Champ)*
2. **AL COLE** Spring Valley, NY *26-1 (IBF Champ)*
3. **ADOLPHO WASHINGTON** Lexington, KY *24-3-2*
4. **ANACLET WAMBA** France *45-2-1 (WBC Champ)*
5. **SERGEI KOBOZEV** Brooklyn, NY *20-0*
6. **CARL THOMPSON** England *18-3*
7. **ARTHUR WILLIAMS** Las Vegas, NV *24-3-1*
8. **ALEXANDER GUROV** Ukraine *13-0-1*
9. **MARCELO DOMINGUEZ** Argentina *14-1-1*
10. **NATE MILLER** Philadelphia, PA *24-4*

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 175 pounds

1. **MIKE McCALLUM** Brooklyn, NY *48-2-1 (WBC Champ)*
2. **VIRGIL HILL** Bismarck, ND *39-1 (WBA Champ)*
3. **HENRY MASKE** Germany *26-0 (IBF Champ)*
4. **MONTELL GRIFFIN** Chicago, IL *15-0*
5. **JAMES TONEY** Ann Arbor, MI *44-2-2*
6. **FABRICE TIOZZO** France *31-1*
7. **DARIUSZ MICHALCZEWSKI** Germany *26-0*
8. **MERQUI SOSA** New York, NY *24-4-2*
9. **PRINCE CHARLES WILLIAMS** Mansfield, OH *36-6-3*
10. **GRACIANO ROCCHIGIANI** Germany *37-1-1*

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 168 pounds

1. **ROY JONES** Pensacola, FL *28-0 (IBF Champ)*
2. **NIGEL BENN** England *40-2-1 (WBC Champ)*
3. **STEVE COLLINS** Ireland *29-3*
4. **FRANK LILES** N. Hollywood, CA *26-1 (WBA Champ)*
5. **CHRIS EUBANK** England *41-1-2*
6. **VINNY PAZIENZA** Cranston, RI *40-5*
7. **TIM LITTLES** Flint, MI *24-1*
8. **FREDERIC SEILLIER** France *39-5-2*
9. **RAY CLOSE** N. Ireland *20-3-1*
10. **TONY THORNTON** Glassboro, NJ *37-6-1*

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 160 pounds

1. **JORGE CASTRO** Argentina *96-4-2 (WBA Champ)*
2. **BERNARD HOPKINS** Philadelphia, PA *26-2-1*
3. **QUINCY TAYLOR** Dallas, TX *24-3*
4. **JOHN DAVID JACKSON** Seattle, WA *32-1*
5. **JULIAN JACKSON** Virgin Islands *51-3 (WBC Champ)*
6. **REGGIE JOHNSON** Houston, TX *35-4-1*
7. **SEGUNDO MERCADO** Ecuador *18-2-1*
8. **JOE LIPSEY** Lansing, MI *24-0*
9. **RODNEY TONEY** Campo, CA *19-1-2*
10. **DANA ROSENBLATT** Malden, MA *23-0*

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 154 pounds

1. JULIO CESAR VASQUEZ
Argentina 53-2
2. TERRY NORRIS
Mission Valley, CA 38-5
3. VINCENT PETTWAY
Baltimore, MD 37-4-1 (IBF Champ)
4. VERNO PHILLIPS
New York, NY 25-4-1
5. BUDDY McGIRT
Hauppauge, NY 65-4-1
6. YORI BOY CAMPAS
Mexico 57-1
7. JULIO CESAR GREEN
Brooklyn, NY 19-1
8. SIMON BROWN
Mount Airy, MD 43-3
9. RAUL MARQUEZ
Houston, TX 19-0
10. LAURENT BOUDOUANI
France 28-2

WELTERWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 147 pounds

1. PERNELL WHITAKER
Norfolk, VA 35-1-1 (WBC Champ)
2. FELIX TRINIDAD
Puerto Rico 25-0 (IBF Champ)
3. IKE QUARTEY
Ghana 29-0 (WBA Champ)
4. CRISANTO ESPANA
N. Ireland 30-1
5. DERRELL COLEY
Capitol Heights, MD 26-0-2
6. WILFREDO RIVERA
Puerto Rico 20-0-1
7. OBA CARR
Detroit, MI 32-1
8. EAMONN LOUGHRAN
Ireland 24-1-1
9. ANDREW MURRAY
Guyana 17-2
10. JOSE LUIS NAVARRO
Spain 18-0

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 140 pounds

1. FRANKIE RANDALL
Warren, OH 51-3-1 (WBA Champ)
2. KOSTYA TSZYU
Australia 14-0 (IBF Champ)
3. JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ
Mexico 92-1-1 (WBC Champ)
4. JUAN COGGI
Argentina 67-3-2
5. DAVID KAMAU
Los Angeles, CA 25-0
6. JAKE RODRIGUEZ
Brentwood, NY 26-3-2
7. GIOVANNI PARISI
Italy 29-1
8. RAY OLIVEIRA
Falls River, MA 24-5
9. DARRYLL TYSON
Washington, D.C. 44-6-1
10. JAN BERGMAN
South Africa 25-0

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 135 pounds

1. MIGUEL ANGEL GONZALEZ
Mexico 35-0 (WBC Champ)
2. RAFAEL RUELAS
Arleta, CA 43-1 (IBF Champ)
3. OSCAR DE LA HOYA
Montebello, CA 17-0
4. NAZAROV OLZUBEK
Japan 20-0 (WBA Champ)
5. MIGUEL JULIO
Colombia 29-1-1
6. JOHN-JOHN MOLINA
Puerto Rico 36-4
7. LEAVANDER JOHNSON
Atlantic City, NJ 22-1-1
8. SHANE MOSLEY
Pomona, CA 16-0
9. STEVE JOHNSTON
Denver, CO 13-0
10. IVAN ROBINSON
Delran, NJ 17-0

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 130 pounds

1. GABE RUELAS
Arleta, CA 40-2 (WBC Champ)
2. GENARO HERNANDEZ
Los Angeles, CA 31-0-1 (WBA Champ)
3. JESSE JAMES LEIJA
San Antonio, TX 28-1-2
4. AZUMAH NELSON
Ghana 37-3-2
5. REGGIE TUUR
Whitestone, NY 37-3-1
6. ARTURO GATTI
Jersey City, NJ 19-1
7. VICTOR HUGO PAZ
Argentina 51-1-1
8. FREDDIE LIBERATORE
Bayside, NY 20-4-1
9. ED HOPSON
St. Louis, MO 25-0
10. PHILLIP HOLIDAY
South Africa 24-0

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 126 pounds

1. ALEJANDRO GONZALEZ
Mexico 35-2 (WBC Champ)
2. TOM JOHNSON
Detroit, MI 38-2-1 (IBF Champ)
3. STEVE ROBINSON
Wales 20-9-1
4. ELOY ROJAS
Venezuela 30-1-1 (WBA Champ)
5. KEVIN KELLEY
Flushing, NY 41-1
6. YUNG KYUN PARK
South Korea 28-2-1
7. TRACY PATTERSON
Highland, NY 51-3-1
8. EVER BELENO
Colombia 30-1
9. ORLANDO SOTO
Panama 24-1
10. MANUEL MEDINA
Mexico 49-6

JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 122 pounds

1. VUYANI BUNGU
South Africa 26-2 (IBF Champ)
2. WILFREDO VASQUEZ
Puerto Rico 42-6-3 (WBA Champ)
3. HECTOR ACERO-SANCHEZ
New York, NY 32-2-2 (WBC Champ)
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England 17-0
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Puerto Rico 30-4-2
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Las Vegas, NV 27-1-1
8. WELCOME NCITA
South Africa 33-2
9. MARCO ANTONIO BARRERA
Mexico 34-0
10. EDDIE CROFT
San Mateo, CA 22-1-1

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 118 pounds

1. YASUEI YAKUSHIJI
Japan 23-2-1 (WBC Champ)
2. DAORUNG MP PETROLEUM
Thailand 54-4-1 (WBA Champ)
3. WAYNE McCULLOUGH
Las Vegas, NV 16-0
4. ELIECER JULIO
Colombia 29-1
5. HAROLD MESTRE
Colombia 21-2 (IBF Champ)
6. SERGIO REYES
Fort Worth, TX 10-1
7. AL KOTEY
England 20-1
8. NANA KONADU
Ghana 33-2
9. JOICHIRO TATSUYOSHI
Japan 10-2-1
10. KHAOYAI MAHASARAKAM
Thailand 51-4

JR. BANTAMWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 115 pounds

1. HAROLD GREY
Colombia 18-0 (IBF Champ)
2. HIROSHI KAWASHIMA
Japan 16-2-1 (WBC Champ)
3. JOHNNY TAPIA
Albuquerque, NM 29-0-1
4. DANNY ROMERO
Albuquerque, NM 23-0
5. HYUNG CHUL LEE
South Korea 19-4 (WBA Champ)
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Mexico 23-5
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Huntington Park, CA 29-3-1
8. DAVID GRIMAN
Venezuela 20-2
9. SATOSHI IIDA
Japan 16-0
10. GERRY PENALOSA
Philippines 28-1-1

FLYWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 112 pounds

1. YURI ARBACHAKOV
Japan 20-0 (WBC Champ)
2. SAN SOR PLOENCHIT
Thailand 21-0 (WBA Champ)
3. MARK JOHNSON
Washington, D.C. 22-1
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Colombia 42-2 (IBF Champ)
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Mexico 28-3-2
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Japan 28-5
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Wales 15-1-3
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Thailand 19-0
10. MIGUEL MARTINEZ
Mexico 28-7-1

JR. FLYWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 108 pounds

1. CHIQUITA GONZALEZ
Mexico 40-2 (WBC/IBF Champ)
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Phoenix, AZ 32-2
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Jasper, TN 14-2
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Thailand 23-9-1

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Welterweight
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Super Middleweight
3. RICARDO LOPEZ
Strawweight
4. CHIQUITA GONZALEZ
Junior Flyweight
5. FRANKIE RANDALL
Junior Welterweight
6. FELIX TRINIDAD
Welterweight
7. MIGUEL ANGEL GONZALEZ
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Junior Welterweight
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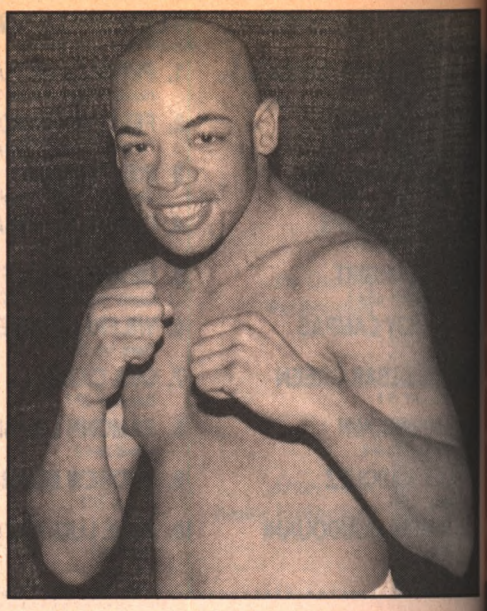

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Feb. 6	Sean Daughtry, New York City	W 4
April 16	James Crosby, Hamilton Sq., NJ	Tech. Draw 2
May 8	Roy Robinson, Mahanoy, PA	W 4
May 28	Nate Reynolds, Hamilton Square	KO 4
July 10	George Mitchell, Bushkill, PA	KO 2
Nov. 10	Ernest Strohman, Atlantic City	W 4

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Jan. 23	Sylvie Furlong, Boston	KO 1
Feb. 20	Robert West, Biloxi, MS	KO 2
April 21	Victor Perez, Ledyard, CT	W 8
July 22	John Jeter, Robinsonville, MS	KO 3
Aug. 18	Wayne Richards, Huntington, NY	KO 5
Oct. 19	Curtis Peoples, Monticello, NY	KO 7
Dec. 14	Israel Figueroa, Boston	KO 2

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Feb. 17	Ross Thompson, Atlantic City	W Disq. 7

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ADRIAN STONE

Welterweight

Photos by Ray Bailey

By Robert Cassidy

What Adrian Stone was looking for in 1992 was a nice vacation in the United States and the opportunity to earn a bit of boxing recognition on this side of the pond. Two years later, Stone is still on vacation and has secured more recognition than any of the fighters he competed against back in England.

"What started as something that would last six months turned into one year, and then two years," says Stone. "I'm still here, and I'm not going anywhere soon."

The only place Stone is headed is to the top of the welterweight division. But that was the furthest thing from his mind when he came to the United States from Bristol, England. He set out to visit his aunt and uncle in Paterson, New Jersey. While he was here he thought he'd enter the New York Golden Gloves tournament in hopes of gaining some experience. Stone had one amateur fight in New Jersey, but was denied entry to the Gloves because he was not a U.S. citizen. He was discouraged, but decided to continue training until returning home.

Stone wandered into Ike's Gym in Paterson and caught the eye of trainer Joe Rivera. He was training regularly when a matchmaker from Madison Square Garden Boxing called the gym looking for an opponent for Sean Daughtry, a young pro from New York City. The fight was turned down by one of the gym's other fighters, so Stone, having engaged in just one amateur fight in his six months in the USA, asked for the opportunity to turn pro against Daughtry. He was told Daughtry had won four New York Golden Gloves titles and competed at the 1988 U.S. Olympic Trials. Instead of intimidating him, the information excited him.

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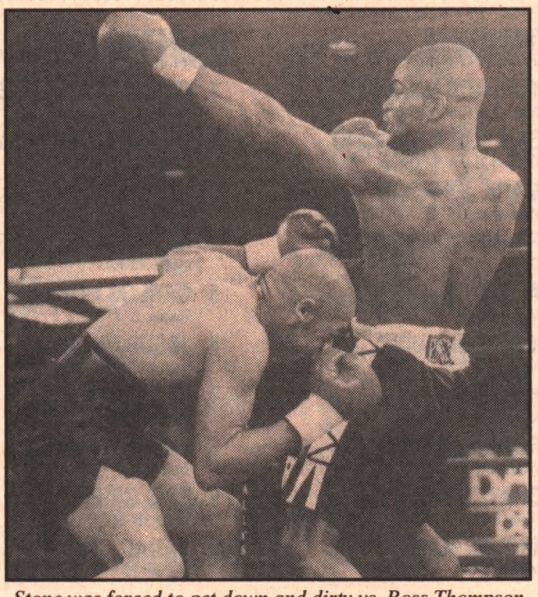

Stone was forced to get down and dirty vs. Ross Thompson

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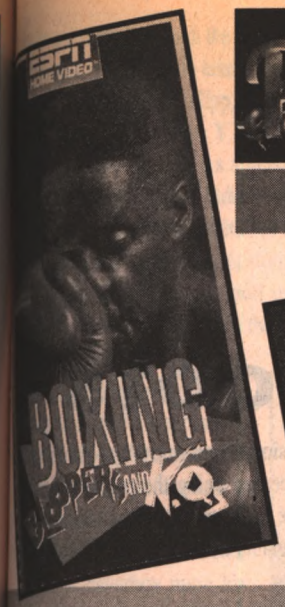

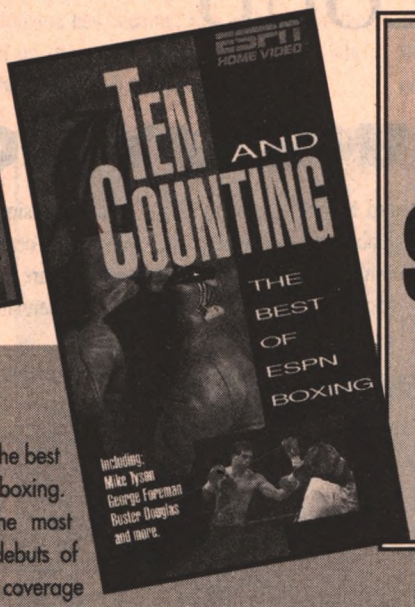

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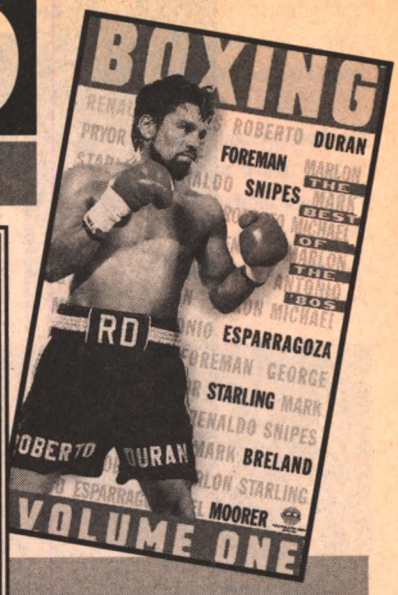

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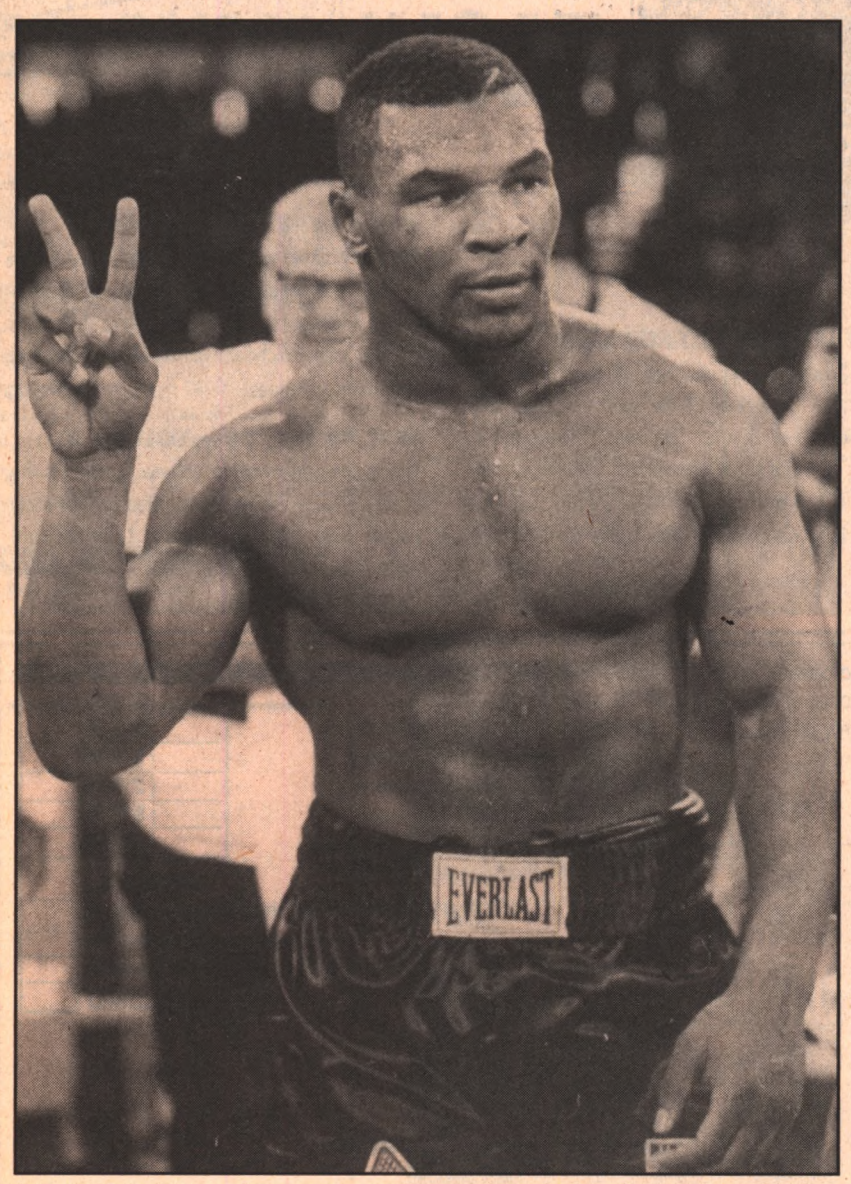
RYAN OUT LOUD

By Jeff Ryan

TRACING MY ROOTS

Remember those stashes of Mike Tyson souvenirs everyone envisioned becoming high-yield invest Well, they ceased being valuable property when "Leg-Iron" Mike ceased being the property of the s Indiana. Programs and ticket stubs from his last pre-slammer battle are no longer collector's items. Dem memorabilia is a memory. Just try selling your "Kid Dynamite" pennants now that Tyson has compl penance.



As Tyson begins his second career, columnist Ryan is jumping back on the Iron Mike bandwagon. Ryan warns that Tyson is certainly no hero, but is a good bet to save the heavyweight division.

Last weekend, I spent more time in the cell the Los Angeles Clippers. But every one of those mementos had been accounted for by late-Sunda noon. The coffee mugs were returned to the k cabinet, the ring around the collar was scrubbed the T-shirts, and my Dustbuster took care of the throw rug that had been rolled up and collecting webs ever since the man-child failed to dust Bust Tokyo.

That's right, folks, I'm making no secret of th that I've become a Tyson fan again. (And it's not because I have all this merchandise that nobody and I might as well use.) When his bandwagon through my town, I'm going to jump aboard like a making a desperate dive into a boxcar. Have I suddenly lost my mind? No. I gradually lost my patience.

Heavyweight utopia for me would have been T remaining behind bars (where a convicted r belongs for more than three years), and Mi Moorer, Riddick Bowe, or Lennox Lewis acting real champion by being in peak shape, ducking pu instead of tough fights, unifying the title, and estab ing a reign that lasts at least as long as an Oscar cast. In other words, doing the things that used to naturally to M.G. Tyson.

This was supposed to be a special crop of he weights, eh? Well, take a look at the crop destro That's not a top 10 out there, it's a dual meeting Overeaters Anonymous and Underachie Unanimous.

Fighter: Hello, my name is Riddick, and I'm a appointment.

Group of fellow disappointments: Hello, Riddi

Don't be surprised that I'm hanging Tyson poste my den, carrying a Tyson key chain, and sporting no and a bad haircut these days. Or that I can't bring m to eat off Lenox china anymore. Or that I change cat's name from Real Deal to Kit Dynamite and am ning to take the bust of Moorer that has been sitting

mantle and throw it through the windshield of Bowe's BMW. I'm simply mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore. I'm declining my parity invitation and redirecting my "Hipp, Hipp, Hooray!"

Give me a T. Give me a Y. Give me an S ...

Let's get this straight: As a person, Tyson is no hero, and anyone who suggests he is has either a hidden agenda or a mental deficiency. What he is, however, is a one-man sanitation department, a fighter who can clean up this vacant lot the heavyweight division has become. Just as he did in the mid-'80s, he can once more pull up the weeds, scare off the bums who have taken residence, and make the place much more presentable.

I was rooting for Tyson to get the maximum prison time, rooting for each of his appeals to be turned down, and rooting for his release to be delayed. It's disgraceful that a one-time rapist will make millions and become a magazine coverboy upon his return to the workplace. But as someone who enjoys boxing and believes the heavyweight division is still the engine that drives the entire sport, I'd be foolish not to root for Tyson to ascend to the throne and again dominate the weight class. After all, so many others had the chance to be the division's knight on a white horse, but they all fell on their lances.

Evander Holyfield once had a shot at being my favorite, and though it's true he's never been in a bad fight, he was also rarely in one he could win by knockout. Call me old-fashioned, but I happen to think a heavyweight king should be standing over prone opponents more often than he's standing around and waiting for Michael Buffer to read the scorecards.

There was a time I rooted for Lewis, too, because he was the kind of gentleman and sportsman the division hadn't seen since Ken Norton. Lewis was the anti-Bowe, but he couldn't even beat Tyson's old sparring partner. Considering the Briton's level of overconfidence and undertraining that night against Oliver McCall, he probably couldn't have beaten Tyson's old heavybag.

Bowe once pointed to a painting of Joe Louis on the wall of his Maryland home and told me he was going to make more successful defenses than the record 25 "The Brown Bomber" totaled. "I'll be champion," Bowe said, "until I decide I've had enough." Apparently, he'd had enough after a whopping two successful defenses.

Then there's Moorer, who turned from fearless assassin into cautious businessman just as soon as he had a belt around his waist. His conversations were still R-rated, but the R stood for retirement, his new favorite topic. Moorer was supposed to be a refreshing change of pace from Holyfield, Bowe, and Lewis. Instead, he copied their safety-first strategy of defense planning, booking what he thought was an easy mark in George Foreman. *Oops.*

Even at his absolute worst, Tyson wasn't as sloppy, undertrained, and unmotivated as Bowe, Lewis, and Moorer were at their worst. And he wasn't ever as powerless as Holyfield has been throughout his entire career. Would Moorer or Lewis have gotten up from the uppercut Tyson floored Douglas with in the Tokyo Dome? Could Holyfield have hit hard enough to put Tyson away in the 10th round of that fight? Would Bowe have been as focused as Douglas was, or possessed such a killer instinct? The answer to each of those questions is absolutely not.

Tyson provides certain guarantees in the ring that Riddick Bowe and Evander Holyfield can't. Since Tyson went behind bars, the heavyweight division has been a big disappointment. Tyson should change that.

But I'm not just rooting for Tyson to regain the championship because he isn't one of those other guys on the scene today. I'm also rooting for him because he *is* Mike Tyson, and that has always provided certain guarantees. It means a high level of physical and mental intensity, power, passion, and entertainment value for the buck. It means somebody will be inspired to bankroll unification bouts because Tyson's participation will guarantee hefty profits. And if Tyson wins the big prize, it means no more dumping title belts into trash cans, splitting unified crowns into thirds, or looking for soft touches.

Make that *thoft* touches. Now that I've thrown out all my socks and found a new barber, I'm working on perfecting this lisp. ■

THE RING'S EXCLUSIVE

PHOTO QUIZ TEST

Can you identify the fighters in these photos? Award yourself 10 points for each question you answer correctly. If you score a total of 90-100 points, consider yourself a world champion. If you score 70-80 points, you rate as a top-10 contender. If you score 50-60 points, you're a clubfighter at best. Less than 50 points? Eat another piece of cheesecake and forget about that morning roadwork.

THIS MONTH: FEATHERFISTED CHAMPS

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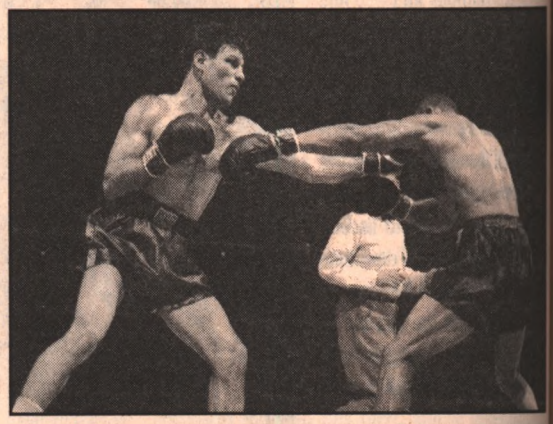
This lightweight, shown swapping jabs with Beau Jack, scored all of 23 kayos in 123 career bouts. All five of his title bouts went 15 rounds.



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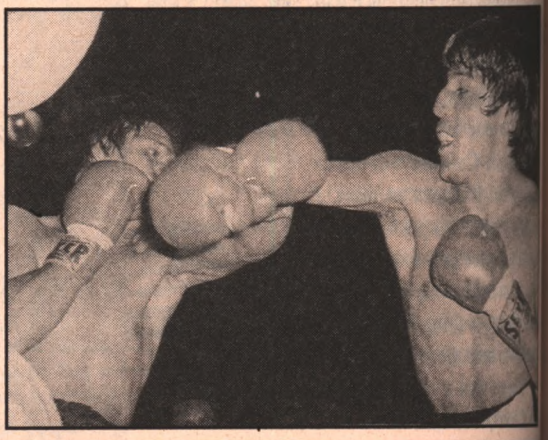
The lightweight on the right, pictured in his fourth pro fight, registered eight career knockouts. One of them enabled him to win the world title.



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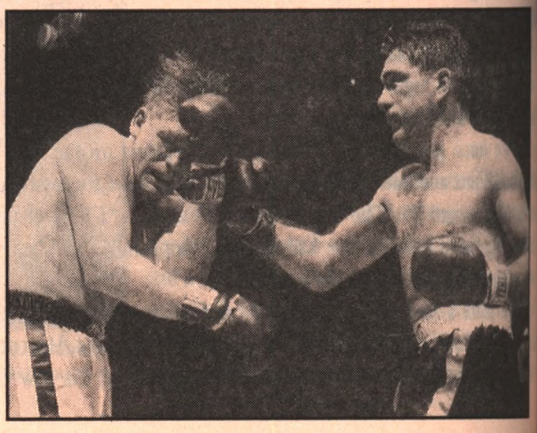
Don't tell Irish Bob Murphy that his opponent in this 1951 battle couldn't punch. The master boxer had a career kayo percentage of .256.



YOUR BOXING IQ

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The light heavyweights have produced more featherfisted champions than any other division. This renowned titlist scored 19 kayos in 299 career starts.

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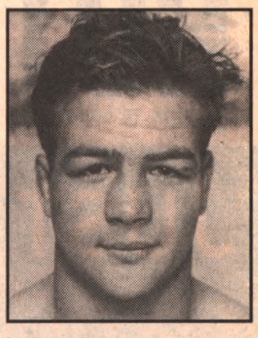
A featherweight champ who won the crown in his third try, this distance fighter reigned for 3½ years. His career kayo percentage was .211.



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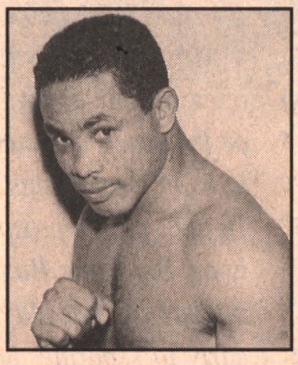
This Puerto-Rico based Dominican won the world title toward the end of his career. One year after losing the crown, he was killed in a plane crash.



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A champion who retired without defending the title, this battler from the '40s scored 14 kayos in 48 career wins.

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A veteran of the no-decision era, this all-time great compiled a career kayo percentage of only .139.

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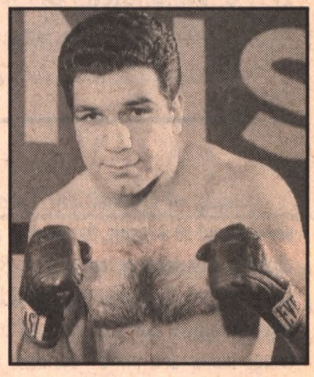
This champ managed only 25 knockouts in 115 career wins, but was good enough to have won two of three bouts vs. Carlos Ortiz.



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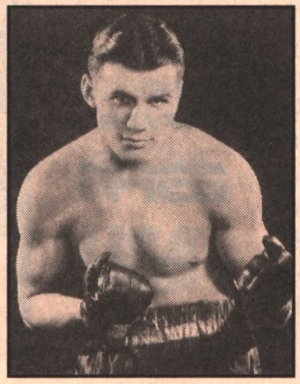
One of the greatest fighters ever produced by Pittsburgh, this champ went the distance in his last 38 bouts.



ANSWERS:

1) Sammy Angott
2) Art Frias
3) Joey Maxim
4) Maxie Rosenbloom
5) Freddy Miller
6) Teo Cruz
7) Marty Servo
8) Tommy Loughran
9) Duilio Loi
10) Teddy Yarosz

TELEVISION'S HOTTEST PROSPECTS

JUST HOW GOOD ARE THEY?

By Steve Farhood

There are plenty of differences between the two highest rated boxing series on TV, ESPN's ***Top Rank Boxing*** *and the USA Network's* ***Tuesday Night Fights.*** *But the weekly shows have one thing in common: Most of their bouts showcase young, up-and-coming fighters. Some of these hot-shots become world champions, while others, both literally and figuratively, fall flat on their faces. Trying to handicap the field and separate the keepers from the disposables is part of the fun.*

Most prospects fight fairly frequently, and t often appear again and again on one cable netw or the other, advancing from four- and six-round to main event status. In this feature, we've examin 10 high-profile prospects, five of whom fight prima ly on ***Top Rank Boxing,*** *and five of whom regula appear on* ***Tuesday Night Fights.*** *Maybe it's early to separate the keepers from the disposabl but with the help of the matchmakers for the respe tive networks, we've given it a try.*

Dana Rosenblatt
Division: Middleweight
Record: 23-0 (18)
Hometown: Malden, Massachusetts
Age: 23
Manager: Leon Weinstein
Trainer: Joe Lake

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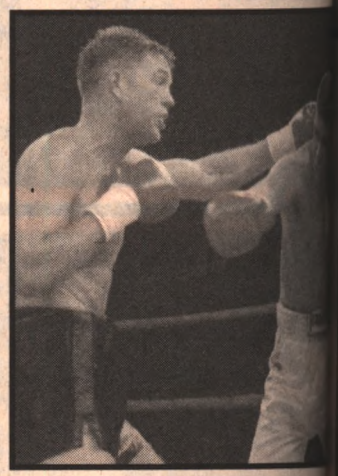
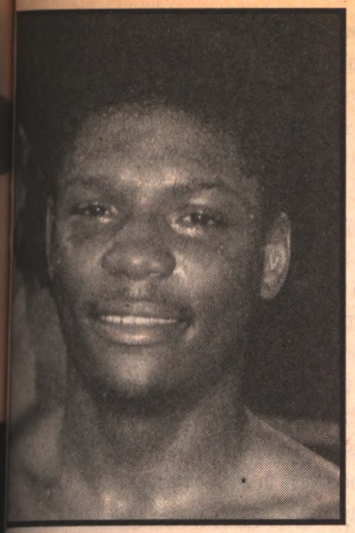


Quality of Opposition: Team Rosenblatt is determined to advance slowly, and as a result, the martial arts enthusiast's opposition has been predictable. His most recent victim, Randy Williams (KO 4), hadn't fought in a year. When Rosenblatt whipped Ron Amundsen (W 10), the former world title challenger had lost eight of his last 10. Brett Lally was once a tough fringe contender, but by the time Rosenblatt tore him apart (KO 9), Lally was coming off a pair of stoppage losses. Rosenblatt's best win has been a ninth-round TKO of the previously unbeaten Frank Savannah, whom he dominated.

Future: After Rosenblatt's victory over Williams, Jack Fiske wrote in the newsletter *Flash*, "I feel a bit sorry for Top Rank matchmaker Ron Katz, who has the unenviable task of selecting 'suitable' opponents for Rosenblatt." While Katz acknowledges Rosenblatt's level of competition "hasn't been great," he sees the 160-pounder as a future star. "He's very intelligent inside the ring, he's a very good puncher, and his southpaw stance is a further advantage," he says. "He hasn't fought guys who can push him yet, but he's still inexperienced. He has the potential to be bigger than Vinny Pazienza not just in New England, but across the country." If nothing else, this is a prospect who's surely going to be fun to watch.



Ralph Jones

Division: Welterweight
Record: 23-1 (15)
Hometown: McKeesport, Pennsylvania
Age: 26
Manager: Jim Kasiulin
Trainer: Rod Dixon

USA NETWORK

Quality of Opposition: After Jones was stopped by fellow prospect Reggie Green (KO by 2) in his 10th pro fight, his handlers opted to take a giant step backward. It's worked in one sense; Jones has built an impressive record. But as Brad Jacobs, boxing programming consultant for USA, says, "His record is a little better than his abilities." Jones' only two wins of note have been stoppages of faded one-time fringe contender Mike Johnson (KO 9) and most recently, moderately talented Ohio veteran Roland Commings (KO 10).

Future: Jones is a pressure fighter who is invariably forced to wear down his opponent because he lacks a big punch. Says Jacobs, "I like to refer to him as a 'coat-tail fighter' because he always fights underneath Roberto Duran or Hector Camacho on cards promoted by Mike Acri. Would I televise a main event headlined by Jones? In all honesty, no." Jones is a perfect fit for cable-TV. But with a shortage of kayo power and a leaky defense, he lacks that world-class look.

Raul Marquez

Division: Junior Middleweight
Record: 19-0 (14)
Hometown: Houston, Texas
Age: 23
Managers: Lou Duva, Shelly Finkel
Trainer: Roger Bloodworth

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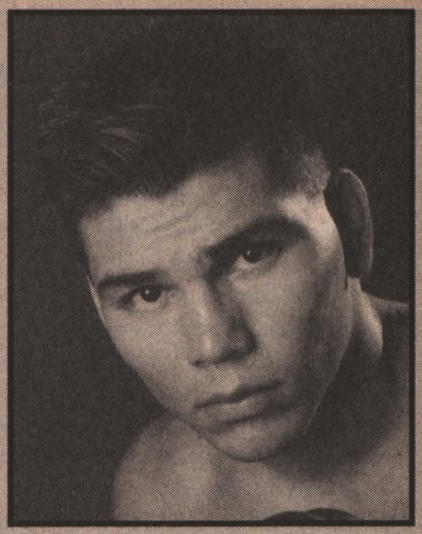
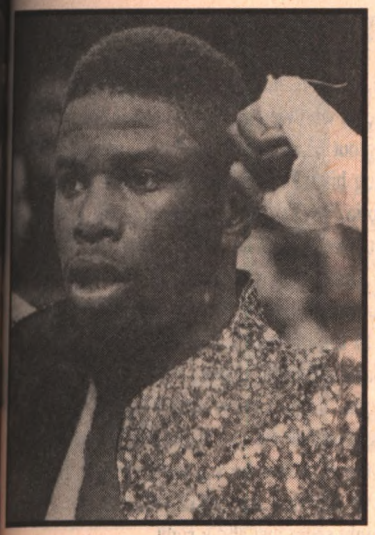


Quality of Opposition: Before the 1992 Olympics, it was assumed Marquez, a southpaw puncher who idolizes Marvin Hagler, would be a better professional than amateur. Indeed, he came home from Barcelona without a medal. As for his development as a pro, we thought he'd be facing tougher opposition by now. In 1993, he was slowed by an injury. In '94, he scored his most impressive win, a one-punch first-round kayo of Texas rival Alex Rios, who climbed through the ropes at 15-1 (13). He's since beaten former world champion Jorge Vaca (W 10), among others. Most recently, Canada's Alain Bonnamie (W 10) proved a surprisingly difficult test. The IBF rates Marquez fifth, which seems a bit premature.

Future: Marquez has four things going for him: youth, punching power, wise and well-connected handlers (the Duvas), and for as long as he remains at 154 pounds, a division that's weak at the top. Like a lot of prospects, he's defensively suspect. Moreover, he seems to lack a spark. "He's not ready for a major cable network main event, but he's on the cusp," says Jacobs. "His first 14, 15 fights he did well, but he went life and death with Bonnamie, and he was lucky to escape. I don't know if that was a one-time thing or not, but if he's gonna fight like that, he's in for a lot of long fights." Our guess is Marquez' best is yet to come.



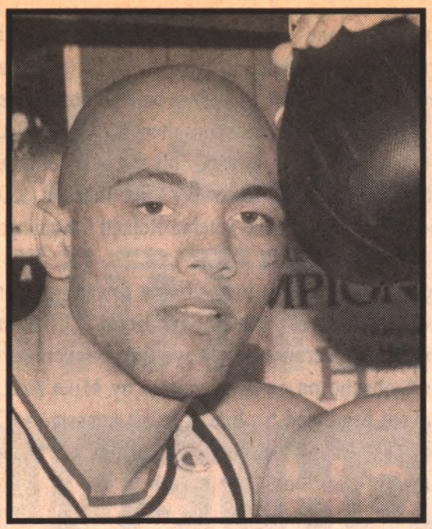
Ivan Robinson

Division: Lightweight
Record: 16-0 (8)
Hometown: Delran, New Jersey
Age: 24
Managers: Eddie Woods, Katherine Nicolosi
Trainer: Odell Cathay

USA NETWORK

Quality of Opposition: Whether you like Robinson or not, you have to admit he's developed faster than Julian Wheeler, who beat him out of a spot on the 1992 Olympic team. Unlike most of our other prospects, he has already engaged in a breakthrough bout, a 10-round war with skinny powerpuncher Juan Negron (W 10), who was 22-1 (15) going in. Before that November 1994 bout, he had topped a handful of rugged but less than threatening opponents such as Freddy Valera (W 10), Lyndon Walker (W 8), and Kevin Marston (KO 1), who was dropped by a right hand 12 seconds into the bout.

Future: Robinson has established himself as top-10 material. His artistry is apparent, but the Marston fight was likely an aberration; if he were a big puncher, he would've stopped the vulnerable Negron. "I think he's terrific," says Jacobs. "A future world champion. He has all the tools: great boxing skills, decent power, really fast hands. He's got the overall package. He's still got things to learn, and there's no reason to rush him. His time is maybe one year down the road." We're not quite as high on Robinson, but only because his punching power remains suspect.



Jeremy Williams

Division: Heavyweight
Record: 21-1 (18)
Hometown: Long Beach, California
Age: 22
Manager: Self-managed
Trainer: Joe Goossen

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Quality of Opposition: No one can accuse Williams' handlers of ing the easy route. In his ninth pro bout, he crushed 1992 Olympian D Nicholson (KO 2), who was 10-0 at the time. His sole loss came in M '94, a 12-round decision vs. another Olympian, Larry Donald, who cli through the ropes at 12-0. He's beaten top-quality trialhorses such as M Wills (KO 9, KO 6) and Levi Billups (KO 2), as well as former world challengers in Bert Cooper (W Disq. 7) and Jesse Ferguson (KO Interestingly, in his 2½ years as a pro, Williams has changed trainers, m ing from Kevin Rooney to Goossen.

Future: There are lots of positives—and one giant negative. Williams been dropped more than once; even the featherfisted Donald staggered Does he have the chin to compete against the division's elite? "He ha potential to be right there for a long time," says Katz. "He can outhustle heavyweights. His strengths are speed, conditioning, and punching power. weaknesses are his chin and lapses in concentration, which might be rel Jeremy's had too many style changes. His ring generalship needs a l work. I personally like him best as an in-and-out kind of guy. He's fought of tough guys, and he's right back to being on the fringe of the top 10."

Quality of Opposition: Romero is a full level above the rest of our prospects, and that's reflected in his opposition. As a teenage sensation with less than a dozen pro bouts worth of experience, he was defeating tough foes like Orlando Malone (KO 5), who was 8-0, and Armando Diaz (KO 9). In 1994, he moved up even further, mowing down former world title challengers Marcos Pacheco (KO 6) and Domingo Sosa (KO 1). As we went to press, he was scheduled to drop to flyweight and challenge newly crowned IBF champion Francisco Tejedor on the George Foreman-Axel Schulz undercard in Las Vegas on April 22.

Future: If there's a can't-miss prospect in this group, it's Romero. "He rates favorably with the best prospects we've had at Top Rank," says matchmaker Bruce Trampler. "He's a tremendous puncher, but, like many good punchers, he can be outboxed. He's good enough to hold titles at three weights, flyweight, junior bantamweight, and bantamweight. And he's one of the few prospects today who can sell tickets." Crosstown rival Johnny Tapia sells tickets, too, and a Romero-Tapia showdown is a natural. But according to Romero's handlers, should the powerpuncher be successful against Tejedor, he'll remain at flyweight and seek bouts vs. Michael Carbajal and Chiquita Gonzalez.

Danny Romero

Division: Flyweight/Junior Bantamweight
Record: 23-0 (21)
Hometown: Albuquerque, New Mexico
Age: 20
Manager: Ron Koch
Trainer: Danny Romero Sr.

ESPN

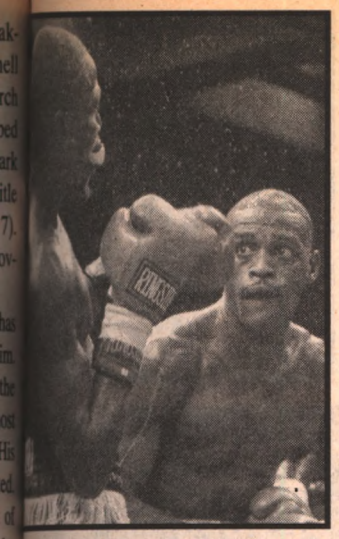
Arturo Gatti

Division: Junior Lightweight
Record: 19-1 (16)
Hometown: Jersey City, New Jersey
Age: 23
Manager: Pat Lynch
Trainer: Hector Roca

USA NETWORK

Quality of Opposition: Gatti, who turned pro in 1991, has been m slowly. His sole loss came against King Solomon (L 6), a fighter who's than his record at the time of the Gatti fight (6-1-3) suggests. In 1994, was first exposed to opponents who weren't wowed by his power. He e ed into the top 10 by taking out fringe contender Pete Taliaferro (KO 1) finished the year by dancing his way to a debatable points win over world champion Jose Sanabria (W 12). He's the reigning USBA champion a few more useful opponents would seem advisable before a world title m

Future: In 1993, Joe Gatti, Arturo's older brother, challenged junior middleweight champion Terry Norris and lasted 88 sec Arturo's handlers figure to look for an easier spot. "He's a pretty puncher, but before the Sanabria fight, and maybe even after, his was questioned," says Jacobs. "I don't know what's gonna happen steps up. Sanabria seems about all he can handle at this point. doesn't take away from the fact that he's a very exciting fighter." wouldn't yet match Gatti vs. division leader Gabe Ruelas, but by the dle of 1995, Ed Hopson might seem just about right.



Derrell Coley

Division: Welterweight
Record: 26-0-2 (18)
Hometown: Capitol Heights, Maryland
Age: 24
Manager: Barry Linde
Trainer: Leonard Langley

USA NETWORK

Quality of Opposition: With the exception of Romero, Coley, who turned pro in 1990, has faced the toughest opposition among our prospects. In fact, labeling him a prospect probably isn't accurate; he's advanced to world-class status. His first test came in May 1993, when he was held to a draw by the ever-frustrating Lonnie Smith (D 10). The biggest name on his resume is another faded former star, Terrence Alli (KO 11). Coley took a half-step backward when Mexican puncher Rocky Balboa twice dropped him and held him to a 12-round draw last September. But he rebounded strongly in January by edging fringe contender Ray Lovato (W 12), who was 20-0 going in.

Future: When Coley is flashing his fast hands, gliding across the ring, and punching in combination, he seems destined for stardom. But his chin is suspect, and as a result, he turns easy fights into wars. Says a surprisingly pessimistic Jacobs, "To steal a line from Mickey Duff, I think [Coley] has been where he's going. I don't see him progressing past this point. [Coley is the reigning NABF champion.] It's premature to think of him as a world title challenger right now. I see him fighting for a title in six or eight months and coming out on the losing end." Our turn for rebuttal: We see the glass as half-full, but only if Coley's chin holds up.

uality of Opposition: What quality? You'd think a former national r champion who was at the head of the Class of '92 would be facing at inge contenders by now. Instead, Briggs has graduated from consistent ike Danny Wofford (W 6) and Danny Blake (W 6) to .500 fighters like Faulkner (KO 6, KO 2) and a 278-pound Craig Payne (W 8). the New Yorker's obvious assets—his amateur accomplishments, his d physique (he stands 6'4" and scales 222), and his championship-cal-ber—insiders have grown impatient. In March, Briggs outpointed n Wilson, who came in with a record of 7-13-3 (3).

uture: In discussing Briggs' strengths, Katz points to the heavy-'s physical attributes and charisma. Weaknesses? "His manager," e matchmaker. "[Roberts] is more concerned with who Briggs hangs with and his image than who he fights. Briggs has been babied. His d isn't somewhat deceiving, it's largely meaningless. If he stands up tough opposition, he can go a long way. I'm looking for a move by d of this year. He has to step up to the plate." Briggs has shown a ten-y to fight to the level of his opponent. (Sound like another one of Atlas' weights?) It's time to find out what happens when that level goes up.

Shannon Briggs

Division: Heavyweight
Record: 22-0 (17)
Hometown: Brooklyn, New York
Age: 23
Manager: Marc Roberts
Trainer: Teddy Atlas

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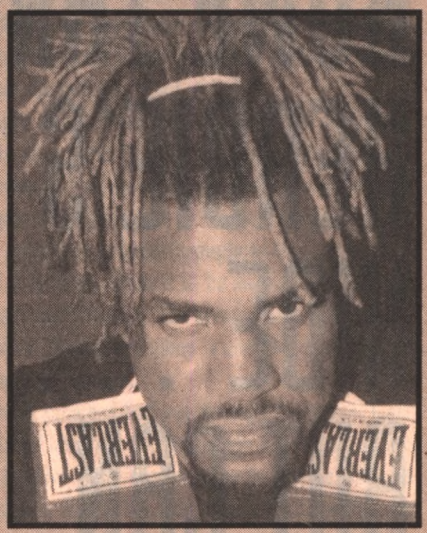
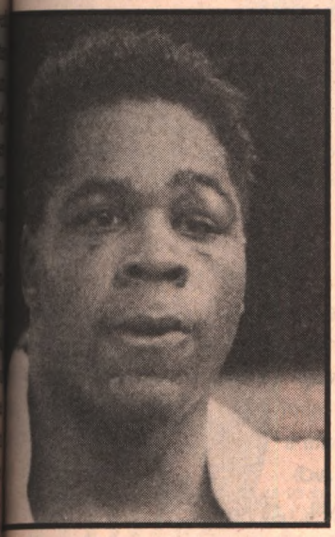




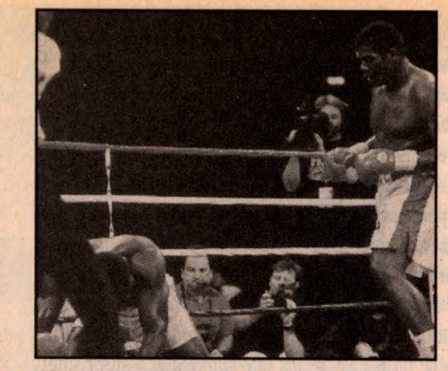
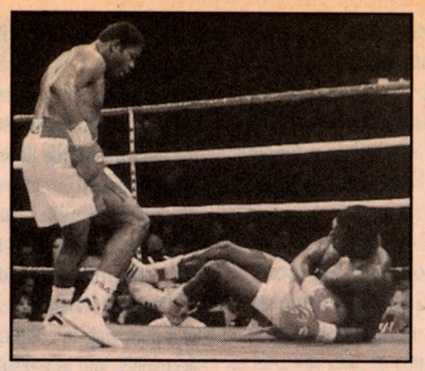
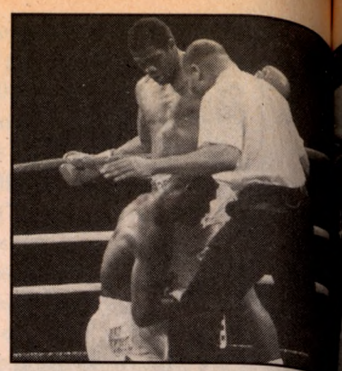
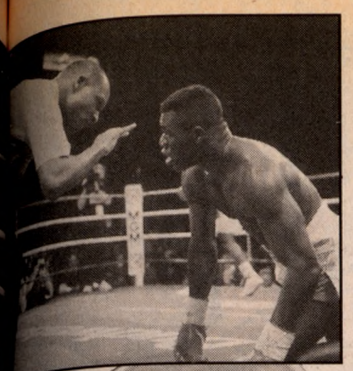
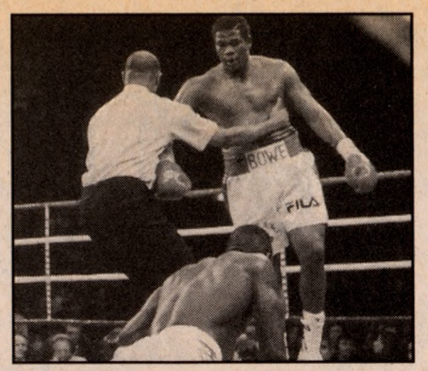
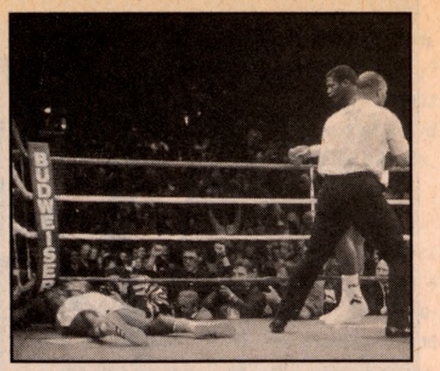
Kirk Johnson

Division: Heavyweight
Record: 12-0 (9)
Hometown: Dartmouth, Ontario
Age: 22
Manager: Ken Lillen
Trainer: Curtis Cokes

ESPN

Quality of Opposition: Johnson can't match fellow Class of '92 graduates Jeremy Williams and Larry Donald in this department, but he's only 22, and his advancement has come steadily. He's been fed a predictable plate of plodding trialhorses, including Ross Puritty (W 6), who has drawn with Tommy Morrison, and the humongous Tyrone Evans (KO 8). In his most recent battle, he survived a last-round scare to outpoint Marion Wilson (W 8). Experience is critical at heavyweight, and it will work in the low-profile Johnson's favor that he is being moved at a less than demanding pace.

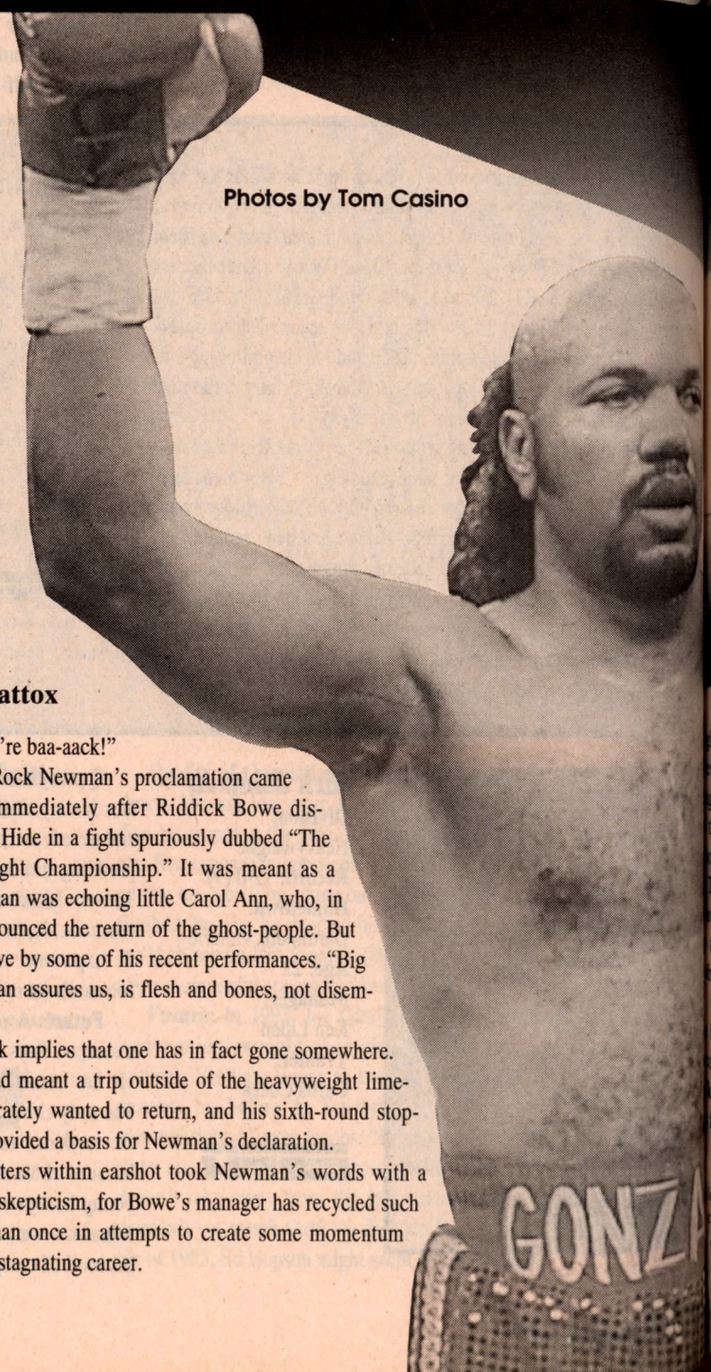
Future: A young heavyweight has yet to emerge, and Johnson could be a sleeper. Says Katz, "He's on the verge of becoming a 10-round fighter. He has tremendous boxing ability and speed, and he carries good power. The only chink in his armor may be a semi-questionable chin. He's shown the tendency to be staggered. But his youth is a tremendous advantage because of his energy and conditioning. Just on ability, he's the best of the young heavyweights. He can burst out by the end of '95." We still label Johnson a wait-and-see type of prospect. Like Briggs, he needs to upgrade his level of competition before any more conclusions can be drawn. ■

Knockdown...Dn...Down...Down

BOWE TANS HERBIE'S HIDE . . . BUT CAN HE SKIN "THE CUBAN LION"?

Photos by Tom Casino



By Jake Mattox

"We're baa-aack!"

Rock Newman's proclamation came immediately after Riddick Bowe dismantled Herbie Hide in a fight spuriously dubbed "The Real Heavyweight Championship." It was meant as a warning; Newman was echoing little Carol Ann, who, in *Poltergeist*, announced the return of the ghost-people. But don't judge Bowe by some of his recent performances. "Big Daddy," Newman assures us, is flesh and bones, not disembodied spirit.

Coming back implies that one has in fact gone somewhere. For Bowe, it had meant a trip outside of the heavyweight limelight. He desperately wanted to return, and his sixth-round stoppage of Hide provided a basis for Newman's declaration.

Those reporters within earshot took Newman's words with a healthy dose of skepticism, for Bowe's manager has recycled such phrases more than once in attempts to create some momentum for his fighter's stagnating career.

We first heard this line prior to the Buster Mathis Jr. debacle in the summer of '94, in which Bowe escaped with a generous no-contest verdict. Contrary to Newman's boasts, delivering a knockout punch while Bowe's opponent was kneeling on the canvas brought Big Daddy nowhere near to being baa-aack to the top.

Newman tried again both before and after Bowe's soporific victory over the division pacifist, Larry Donald. Bowe's half-hearted pursuit of a fleeing, almost frightened opponent brought little to cheer about, and Newman's pronouncements were greeted with a wink and a smile.

But even a bumbling, error-prone weatherman can't help but be ght once in a while, and reality seems to have finally caught up with wman's promises. In capturing the lightly regarded WBO belt from glishman Hide at the MGM Grand Garden in Las Vegas, Bowe remindhe public why he is generally regarded as the best of the heavyweights o haven't been recently incarcerated. As the long-winded Newman put Team Bowe is beginning to emerge from that "deep, dark corner" of vyweight limbo. Whether that emergence continues will be determined the outcome of Bowe's scheduled June showdown with unbeaten an Jorge Luis Gonzalez.

Until March 11, Hide was relatively unknown on this side of the pond. had won the title with a career-ending knockout of Michael Bentt. His rd (26-0 with 25 kayos) sounded impressive, but other than Bentt, e Dixon, and Bigfoot Martin (Bowe's sparring partner for this bout), fight-by-fight entries were pretty thin. More importantly, at a trim 214, he yielded 27 pounds to a well-conditioned Bowe. The adage that a good big man will always beat a good little man was tested and confirmed.

It didn't start that way, though. Hide opened by moving and scoring without seeing any return fire. Bowe threw only sporadic and half-hearted punches in the opening round, and a hard right from Hide with 10 seconds to go elicited a big cheer from the padded crowd of 6,219.

The second round brought more of the same. Bowe threw very little leather as he plodded slowly after "The Dancing Destroyer." Hide scored with a right-left-right combination that stunned his opponent and brought the small but vocal contingent of English fans to its feet. Waving a giant British flag and singing a song that echoed throughout the arena, they sensed an upset. Bowe, a 5-1 favorite, seemed to be succumbing to what has become known as James Toney Disease. The symptoms: a fighter who is suspected of being one of the best in the game is completely robbed of the energy and desire necessary to prove it.

However, when the fighters clinched halfway through the round, Hide freed himself with a well-placed headbutt that just might have cost him the fight. *Good morning, Big Daddy!* After complaining to referee Richard Steele, Bowe seemed to instantly regain his hunger, and he came right at Hide.

A cry of "Kape boxing 'im, 'Erbie!" foreshadowed what was about to go wrong for Hide. His confidence grew as his caution subsided, making him an easier target for the newly energized Bowe. In the third, a crushing jab staggered Hide, who stumbled first into and then away from Bowe. He then crashed to the canvas, mostly from exhaustion, even though nine minutes of fighting hadn't yet been completed. Though it was not ruled a knockdown, Hide wavered as he rose. A few seconds later, a short right officially put the 23-year-old Briton down, as did an uppercut shortly thereafter. Hide survived the round, but Bowe's strength and size were clearly too much for him to negotiate.

The foolishly fearless Hide came out bombing in the fourth, still inspired by the ease with which he had connected in the first two frames.

"I got a bit too carried away," he later acknowledged. "He drew me into a fight. If I'd jabbed and moved and boxed Riddick Bowe, I'd still be champion. I didn't want to do what Larry Donald did."

Hide went down twice in the fourth and once in the fifth from a wide range of rights and lefts, as well as Bowe's sheer physical pressure. By the sixth, it was over, with Steele stepping in at the 2:25 mark after a right cross had dropped Hide for the seventh time in the bout.

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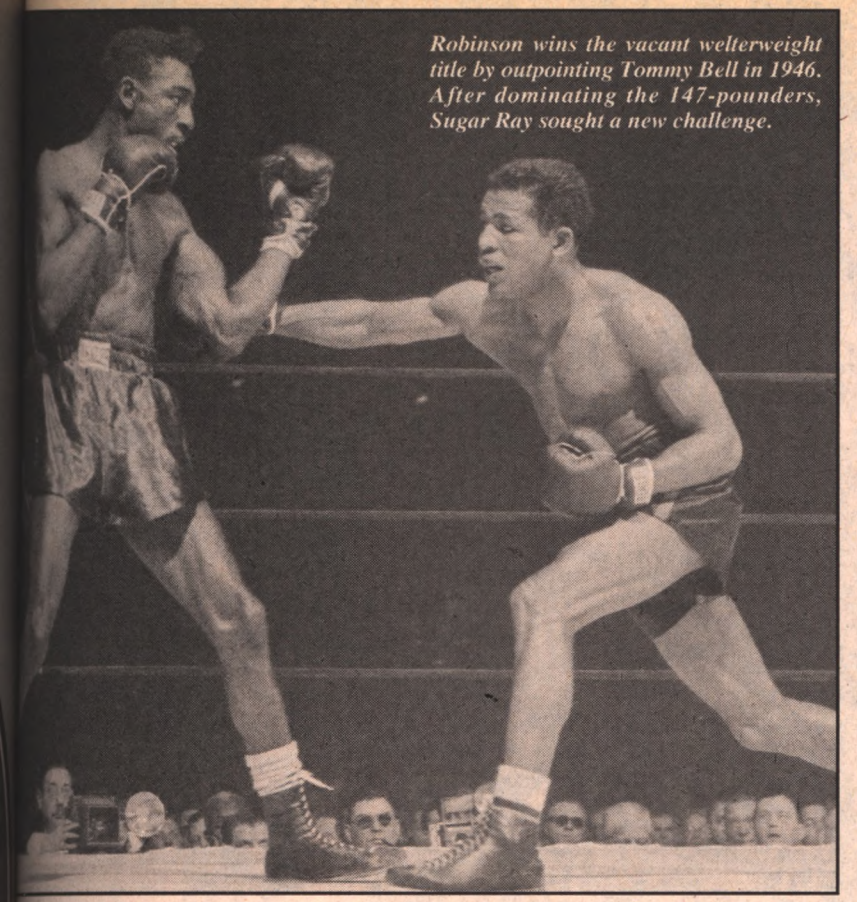
defeated Jorge Luis Gonzalez figures to give Riddick Bowe more of a challenge than Herbie Hide did. The Cuban, who beat Bowe as an amateur, has been calling for "Big Daddy" for several months.

WHAT IF...

SUGAR RAY ROBINSON vs. CHARLEY BURLEY



Robinson wins the vacant welterweight title by outpointing Tommy Bell in 1946. After dominating the 147-pounders, Sugar Ray sought a new challenge.

matchups through his computer 20 times each. What if Jack Dempsey had fought Harry Wills? What if Roberto Duran had fought Alexis Arguello? What if Rocky Marciano had fought Floyd Patterson? Here are some of the answers.

THE WAY IT WAS

The story is as old as boxing itself: A fighter is too good for his own good, and because he's regarded as a dangerous opponent, he finds himself with no one to fight. The world champion avoids him because there are other legitimate—and not-so-legitimate—contenders to defend against. Other top-ranked fighters don't want to risk their shot by taking him on. So who's left for him to fight? Only opponents who find themselves in the same situation, and such fighters almost always represent high-risk, low-reward bouts. It's a frustrating puzzle found only in the Sweet Science. Just ask Burley.

Burley might well have been the greatest fighter to never have received a world title shot. Archie Moore, who lost a 10-round decision to Burley in 1944, calls him the toughest man he ever fought. Joe Louis emphatically proclaimed the immensely talented but sadly unheralded Holman Williams the perfect fighter.

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ost of boxing's best matchups are real-ized. But not all of them. For a variety of reasons, including timing, injuries, promotional concerns, the fights we most nt to see—the fights that could change histo-—sometimes fail to materialize. When that ppens, we're left with our imaginations, ich makes for never-ending conjecture and ghtful debate.

With the help of Jim Trunzo, boxing's fore-st computer programmer, and TKO fessional Boxing, by Lance Haffner Games, E RING has once again decided to play tchmaker. (In 1991, Trunzo helped us with E RING All-Time Computer Tournament.")

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We've presented Trunzo with a handful of eam matchups, fights that could have taken ce but never did. His program considers re than 100 variables, and he runs the

Burley was a family man, and throughout his career he struggled for good paydays while reading about how lesser fighters were granted major opportunities.

Photos by Bill A

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMP HECTOR ACERO-SANCHEZ

You Can Bet The House On Him

By Steve Farhood

The madman with the oversized red-white-and-blue Dominican flag was darting around the outside of the ring, working the fans into as much of a frenzy as could be expected, given that most of them were high-rollers who hadn't paid for their tickets. He had a wild look in his eyes, and while we don't think he was foaming at the mouth, no one got close enough to be sure. Remember, fan is short for fanatic.

Pound-for-pound, Hispanic fans are more passionate about their boxing than anyone else, and this was the first all-Dominican world title fight in history. Julio Gervacio and Hector Acero-Sanchez, the seventh and eighth Dominican champions, were squaring off on a Saturday afternoon at Bally's Park Place in Atlantic City. The stakes transcended the title, and Acero-Sanchez, defending the WBC super bantamweight crown for the first time, didn't seem to mind that not a single newspaperman from New York City—he lives in the Bronx—was ringside to cover the fight. Or that later that night in Las Vegas, Riddick Bowe was clashing with Herbie Hide in the only battle that seemed to matter to anyone outside the immediate circles of the champion and challenger.

Instead, Acero-Sanchez was thinking about Gervacio, a former world champion and one of the most threatening 122-pound punchers in the game. Also on his mind were his wife and four children, and especially his parents, who would be chewing on their fingernails while sitting in the Lucky 7 bar in Santo Domingo, waiting for a postfight phone call.

As quick with a smile as a jab, Acero-Sanchez glowed when, on the night before the fight, he talked in his hotel room about looking forward to making that good-news phone call. But he quickly dropped the smile when asked whether the poor boy from La Isla del Diablo had needed to slap himself in the face upon learning he would earn $100,000 for his first defense. "The day I slap myself in the face," he said through manager and interpreter Nelson Fernandez, "comes when I buy my mother a new house."

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In the Dominican Republic, a Caribbean island the size of Vermont and New Hampshire combined, boxing rates second only to baseball. The first Dominican world champion was the persistent Teo Cruz, who dethroned Carlos Ortiz in 1968. That fight marked the birth, at least at the world-class level, of one of boxing's great national rivalries, Dominicans vs. Puerto Ricans. Emotions have always spilled over not only on the neighboring islands, which are separated only by a long jab, but also in New York City, where so many of the fighters relocate. While Puerto Rico boasts of all-time greats and multiple champions like Wilfredo Gomez, Wilfred Benitez, Esteban DeJesus, and Edwin Rosario, however, the Dominicans counter weakly with forgettable and short-term titlists such as Eleoncio Mercedes, Juan Guzman, Cesar Polanco, and Francisco Quiroz.

With that in mind, Acero-Sanchez-Gervacio took on added significance. Not only was it a Dominican vs. a Dominican, but in a sense, it was also a Dominican vs. a Puerto Rican. Thirteen years ago, Gervacio moved from the La Romana section of the Dominican Republic to Puerto Rico when his father, a construction worker, was transferred there. "I have a lot of feeling for the Dominican Republic," he says, "and I go back two, three times a year. But Puerto Rico is my second home."

Acero-Sanchez left the Dominican Republic in September 1992. As Fernandez explains, the fighter had little choice, at least if he wanted to further his career.

"Last year there were three cards on the island, and I promoted two of them," said the manager, who is Cuban. "Why is boxing dead there? Because they're paying 2,000 Dominican pesos for main-event fighters to go to war, and there are 13 pesos to one U.S. dollar, so that's less than $200 for a 10-rounder. Vitamins, sparring partners, food—it's all so costly, so why should anyone train and fight there?"

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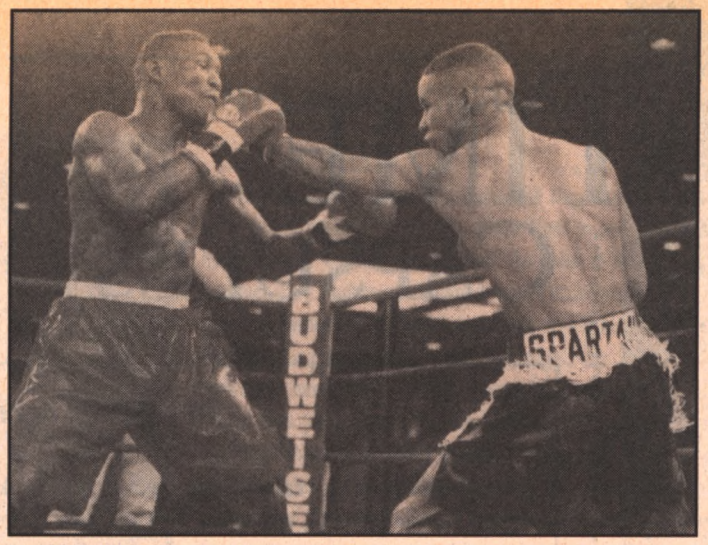

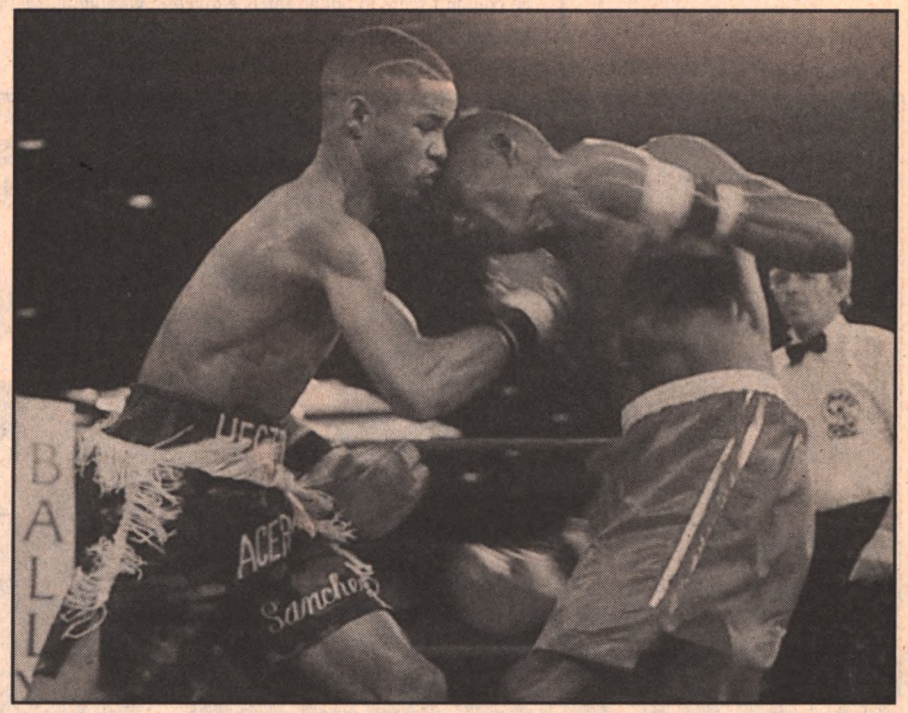

Acero-Sanchez controlled Gervacio with his jab (left) and added power-punches whenever the challenger moved in close (below). By scoring a unanimous decision victory, the young Dominican proved his 1994 title fight win over Tracy Patterson wasn't a fluke.

By Stanley Weston
Publisher, THE RING Maga

TIME CAPSULES

OFF-LIMITS, PERIOD!

(Circa 1949)

Lou Stillman ran his famous gymnasium on New York's Eighth Avenue as ruthlessly as Nero ruled Rome. He spat endlessly, both on the floor and in his customers' faces. He didn't speak, he grunted. And he couldn't seem to put a sentence together without at least a couple of curse words tossed in. To back up his iron will and absolute authority, Stillman always packed a pistol in his belt, and he gloated in boasting, "It's always loaded, and you can bet your ass I'll use it if I have to."

This is probably the only picture of tyrannical gymnasium czar Lou Stillman in his private—and we do mean private—office.

For the 50-cents entrance fee, spectators were free to roam the gym's vast expanses and view the maze of fighters—world champions side-by-side with prelim kids—going through their various training routines. The gym's facilities—heavybags, speedbag stands (not the bags, which had to be supplied by the fighters), and the two sparring rings were available only to fighters who had paid their monthly locker fee up front. "No freeloaders in my joint," proclaimed dictator Stillman.

There was one tiny cubicle in the bowels of the dingy, three-story building that was off-limits to everybody, even to the former pugs employed to sweep the mounds of spit-oozing cigar butts off the floors outside. This was the private domain of Mr. Louis Stillman, Proprietor. Green paint peeled from the walls, on which a few pictures hung, all featuring Mr. Stillman. It was from this cell that Stillman ran his lucrative business.

One morning, Lou was shocked to find a young Latino in his office, calmly scanning the pictures on the wall. Enraged, Stillman instinctively reached for his pistol. But from the bewildered, frightened look on the intruder's face, Lou realized the young man meant no harm, that he surely didn't understand the "NO ADMITTANCE" sign on the door, and his presence was just an accident. Lou didn't pull his pistol, but his thunderous admonishment had the young man in fear of his life—and the whole building rocking on its foundation.

When jovial Joe Vella, the manager of Gus Lesnevich, heard what had happened, he quipped, "I thought everybody knew that not even the Pope himself can walk into that room." Ray Arcel, who was standing near Vella, was quick to add, "Yeah, not even Stillman's rabbi can get in."

"IT'S AN HONOR TO PRESENT THIS AWARD"

Former world champion Tommy Loughran was privileged to present a Fighter of the Year award to sensational heavyweight prospect Tommy "Hurricane" Jackson.

(January 26, 1957)

When the executive committee of the Boxing Managers' Guild debated who would present its Fighter of the Year award for 1956 to perpetual motion heavyweight Tommy "Hurricane" Jackson at the organization's forthcoming banquet, five high-profile names were kicked around. The man eventually chosen was impeccable former light heavyweight champion Tommy Loughran. Making the presentation on the big night, the 55-year-old living legend, still strikingly handsome and arrow-straight, began: "It's an honor to present this award to a young man who has amazed me with his limitless endurance and aggressiveness under fire. I've seen thousands of boxers in my lifetime, but with the possible exception of Harry Greb, none was capable, or equipped, of doing what Tommy Jackson has been doing since he started his career just a few years ago."

The fighting styles of Loughran and Jackson were directly opposite. Loughran, boxing's master of masters, was never willing to take a punch to land one of his own. Jackson, on the other hand, said, "Getting hit ain't never bothered me. It just fires me up."

After receiving his award, Jackson sat on the dais next to his trainer, the legendary Whitey Bimstein, and asked, "Who's that guy who gave me this thing?" Whitey almost choked. When he recovered, he said to his fighter, "Lucky for you, kid, that he ain't around today."

THE STUFF OF LEGENDS

The legends, all of whom were former world champions: (from left) Mickey Walker, Barney Ross, Tony Canzoneri, Sixto Escobar, and Johnny Dundee.

(January 13, 1955)

They had gathered at the Hotel New Yorker for a stunning reunion. They wandered around the big ballroom before dinner, laughing, hugging each other, and remembering the days when they were young world champions. Some had battled each other in brutal, unforgettable bouts. But now there were comments like, "You had me in the third, but you didn't know it," and "I got the decision, but it should have been a draw." It was these comments that inspired the hugs.

You look at this group picture of five of the living legends present at that banquet and can't help wondering what boxing would be like today if they were all in their primes. What would the new, deep-pocketed MGM Grand in Las Vegas pay to sign them to exclusive contracts? It's been rumored that the MGM is mulling exchanging $100-million for Mike Tyson's signature on an exclusive contract. Are we comparing apples with oranges? Maybe. But after all, isn't this the stuff of which dreams are made? (See caption for the names of our legends.)

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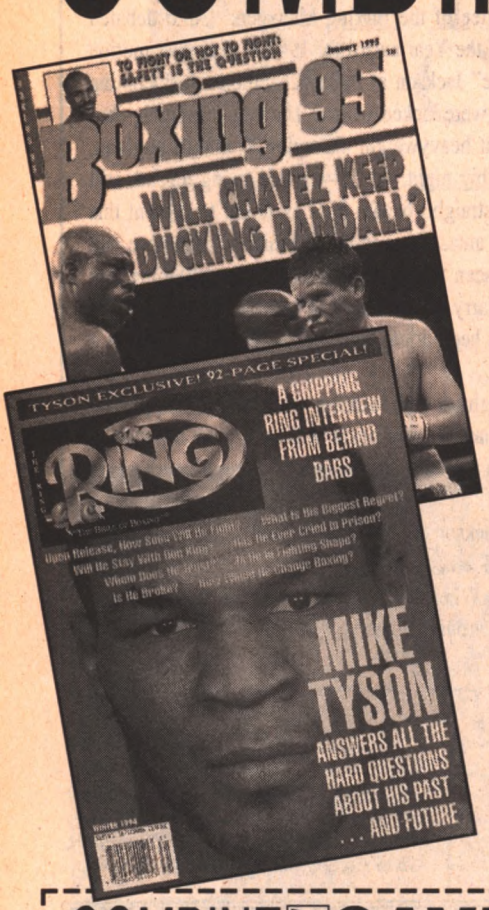

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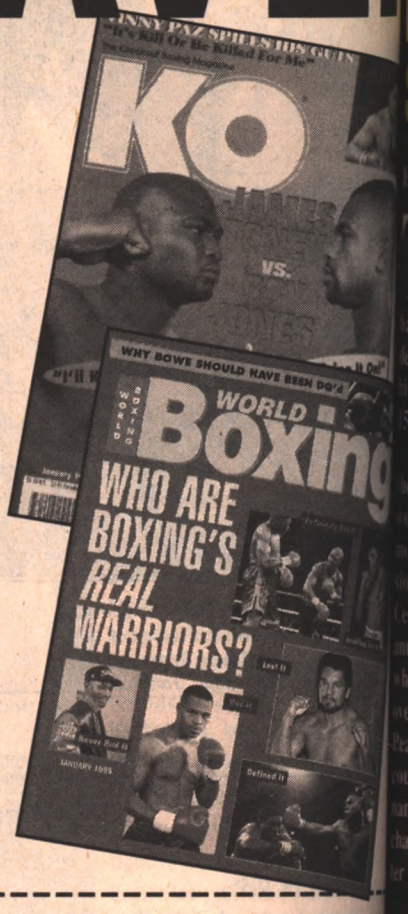

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LOOKING FOR CHALLENGES, SWEET PEA?

How About Picking On Someone Your Own Size?

Photos by Jason Ross Lavin

By Nigel Collins

Two of the brightest stars in the sports galaxy are back in alignment. Michael Jordan has returned to basketball and Pernell Whitaker has decided to concentrate on picking on guys his own size after a one-fight foray into the 154-pound division.

In his ongoing crusade to prove he is the best fighter, pound-for-pound, in the world, the WBC welterweight champion moved up to the junior middleweight division to dethrone WBA champion Julio Cesar Vasquez on March 4, then promptly announced he was giving up the title. And while the 12-round unanimous decision over Vasquez added another belt to "Sweet Pea's" burgeoning collection, fighting a couple of guys in his own weight class, namely IBF titlist Felix Trinidad and WBA champion Ike Quartey, would be a far better way to demonstrate his superiority.

Quartey, the France-based Ghanaian, was showcased on the Whitaker-Vasquez undercard against South Korean challenger Jung Oh Park *(see "Ringside Reports" on page 48)*. Though Park provided nothing more than a willing target, Quartey's U.S. debut as a world champion was a smashing success with the capacity crowd at the Convention Center ballroom in Atlantic City. And by the time he'd hammered his way to an impressive fourth-round TKO victory, everybody was buzzing in anticipation of a Whitaker-Quartey showdown.

"That's the reason we brought him over here," said Kathy Duva, spokeswoman for Main Events. "It's very difficult to promote a guy like Pernell because so few opponents are up to the task. We're very happy to find a fresh young guy like Quartey who is willing to fight him."

Quartey, a converted southpaw, displayed an awesome left hand against Park, the same weapon he'd used to win the title from Crisanto Espana (KO 11) and defend it against Alberto Cortes (KO 5). After "Bazooka's" one-sided dismantling of Park, Michel Acaries, Quartey's promoter, confirmed he is indeed eager to make a unification match with Whitaker. But Quartey will first defend back home in France against the WBA's number-one contender, Guyana's Andrew Murray.

Whitaker also has a mandatory defense scheduled for this summer. Unfortunately, the WBC's top spot is held by Gary Jacobs, who has mysteriously secured his lofty position without beating anyone of note. Also unfortunate was the Duvas' decision to showcase Jacobs on the Whitaker-Vasquez card *(see sidebar)*. Even HBO, which has exclusive rights to Whitaker's fights, isn't thrilled with the prospect of a Whitaker-Jacobs fight. Lou DiBella, HBO's vice president of sports, told THE RING he would try to persuade Main Events to go directly to Quartey, but he didn't sound too confident about his chance of succeeding.

"Pernell was banged up a bit in the Vasquez fight," he said. "I don't think he wants another tough fight right now. So it will probably be Jacobs next."

An occasional gimme is apparently part of the price HBO is willing to pay to have Whitaker all to itself.

"One of the reasons you sign an exclusive contract with a network is because every now and then you're forced to fight someone who's not very good," said Kathy Duva. "The Jacobs fight is just something we have to get out of the way."

How about offering step-aside money?

"You only do that when a bigger and better fight won't be there later," said Duva. "Quartey is still going to be there after the Jacobs fight."

Jacobs, who had an opportunity to scout Whitaker in person, couldn't have been encouraged by what he saw. Though "Sweet Pea" took more punishment in the Vasquez fight than usual, Jacobs will not have Vasquez' physical advantages.

Whitaker, who was preceded into the ring by a camp member carrying THE RING magazine pound-for-pound belt, which is emblematic of the champion's status as boxing's best fighter, sported a small roll of flesh around his waist. At 153¾, he was obviously not at his optimal fighting weight. It was also the first time since he turned pro that Whitaker didn't have trainer George Benton in his corner. "The Professor," who left Main Events after a falling out with Lou Duva, has been replaced by Ronnie Shields.

Vasquez, who held advantages in height (five inches) and reach (six inches), was greeted by a scattering of boos from the pro-Whitaker crowd. In his only other title fight in the United States, the Argentine retained the crown with a second-round knockout of Armand Picar in Las Vegas.

Nothing much happened the first two rounds. Whitaker managed to stay a punch or two ahead of his fellow southpaw, but Vasquez boxed reasonably well for a fighter with a reputation as a brawler. Whitaker began to follow his lead rights with sharp lefts in the third, but Vasquez, 153¾, enjoyed a brief rally midway through the round, and landed a couple of hard bodyshots.

The fourth round proved to be the most eventful of the fight. Whitaker was in the middle of performing his favorite deep-knee-bend stunt when Vasquez brought up a left hand that caught Sweet Pea on the chin and deposited him on the canvas. It was not a devastating knockdown, but Whitaker had definitely been rattled.

"I got careless," said Whitaker, commenting

Whitaker fought a lot more than he ran (right), as suggested by Vasquez' lumpy face at the postfight press conference (below). Now it's time for "Sweet Pea" to fight the world's best welterweights.

"SWEET PEA'S" NEXT (YAWN) FOE

Nobody is comparing Gary Jacobs to fellow Scotsmen Benny Lynch, Ken Buchanan, or Jim Watt. In fact, there were shrugs of indifference and even a few rolled eyeballs along press row during Jacobs' uneventful 10-round decision over Bronx clubfighter Jose Fernandez on the Pernell Whitaker-Julio Cesar Vasquez undercard.

The idea of the unimaginative southpaw attempting to lift Whitaker's WBC welterweight title borders on the ludicrous. But the fact that Jacobs is woefully ill-equipped for the task has not prevented the WBC from elevating him to a mandatory position.

Fernandez, 6-6-1 (3), was obviously selected in an effort to provide Jacobs, 41-5 (22), with an easy night's work. And though the former European champion won by unanimous scores of 100-90 (twice) and 100-91, his opponent's limitations only served to emphasize his own shortcomings.

Maybe the Mickey Duff-managed Jacobs had an off-night. He claimed he injured his right hand landing an uppercut in the fourth round and fought virtually one-handed the remainder of the bout. British sources say he has a habit of merely going through the motions in tuneup bouts, then stepping it up a couple of notches in important fights.

"At a British level, Gary is very competent," said Mark Butcher of the respected British weekly, *Boxing News*. "He won the European title by stopping Frenchman Ludovic Proto in France. He's also beaten Del Bryan, who's a very slick southpaw, sort of like Whitaker, though not in his class."

American fight fans may remember Jacobs from his 1989 10-rounder against Buddy McGirt in New York City. McGirt won eight of the 10 rounds.

Photo by Jason Ross Lavin

Jacobs: An undeserving number one

There was some talk of holding the Whitaker-Jacobs bout in England, but Kathy Duva of Main Events said it will probably take place in Norfolk, Virginia, because Whitaker is "happier and easier to deal with when he's fighting at home." After seeing Jacobs fight Fernandez in Atlantic City, "Sweet Pea" is probably euphoric.

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the fourth knockdown of his pro career. hers to have put him down are Roger yweather, Rafael Williams, and Buddy Girt.) "I did feel it, and I did go down. But I e to lose a round every now and then."

Whitaker easily beat the count of referee y Orlando (USA), and when action resumed, squez went for the finish. Whitaker briefly od his ground and exchanged solid punches. squez wobbled him with another good left, the challenger wisely clinched and ran the inder of the round.

It looked at this juncture as if the larger and naturally stronger man had a reasonable chance of scoring an upset. But Whitaker, 35-1-1 (15), quickly reestablished control with his superior boxing skills, and though Vasquez, 52-2 (35), was always a presence and occasionally connected with a hard shot, he never threatened again.

Any chance of Vasquez retaining the title via decision disappeared when Orlando penalized the Argentine in both the ninth and 11th rounds for rabbit-punching. These deductions seemed petty, especially the second one. Whitaker is fortunate the fight wasn't in Argentina, where officials have been known to turn a blind eye to Vasquez' roughhouse tactics.

Despite the one-sided totals in his favor—Pinit Prayadsab (Thailand) saw the bout 118-110, Guy Jutras (Canada) 116-110, and John Riley (USA) 118-107, with THE RING scoring 116-109—Whitaker did not escape unscathed. The new champion clutched his side as the WBA belt was wrapped around his waist and later revealed he'd injured his rib.

A few days before the fight, Steve Farhood, editor-in-chief of THE RING, *presented Whitaker with the first pound-for-pound championship belt in New York City. Whitaker cooperated by defeating Vasquez.*

"I got hit with a good bodyshot in the third or fourth round," he said. "I think I also overextended my jab. [The ribs] aren't broken yet, but it's gonna be a problem in the morning. I need to leave these big guys alone."

We couldn't agree more, especially with Quartey and Trinidad waiting for him at welterweight. Barring any unexpected developments, the Whitaker-Quartey match is as good as a done deal. A match with Trinidad, however, involves more plot twists than a John LeCarre novel.

The difficulty stems from the fact that Whitaker and Trinidad represent two warring factions. In one corner are Whitaker, Main Events, and HBO. Across the ring are Trinidad, Don King, and Showtime. Who, exactly, is preventing the match from being made depends on whose version of the story you believe.

"Trinidad is ready, willing, and able to fight Whitaker right now," said King spokesman Michael Marley. "He'll fight him in Norfolk.

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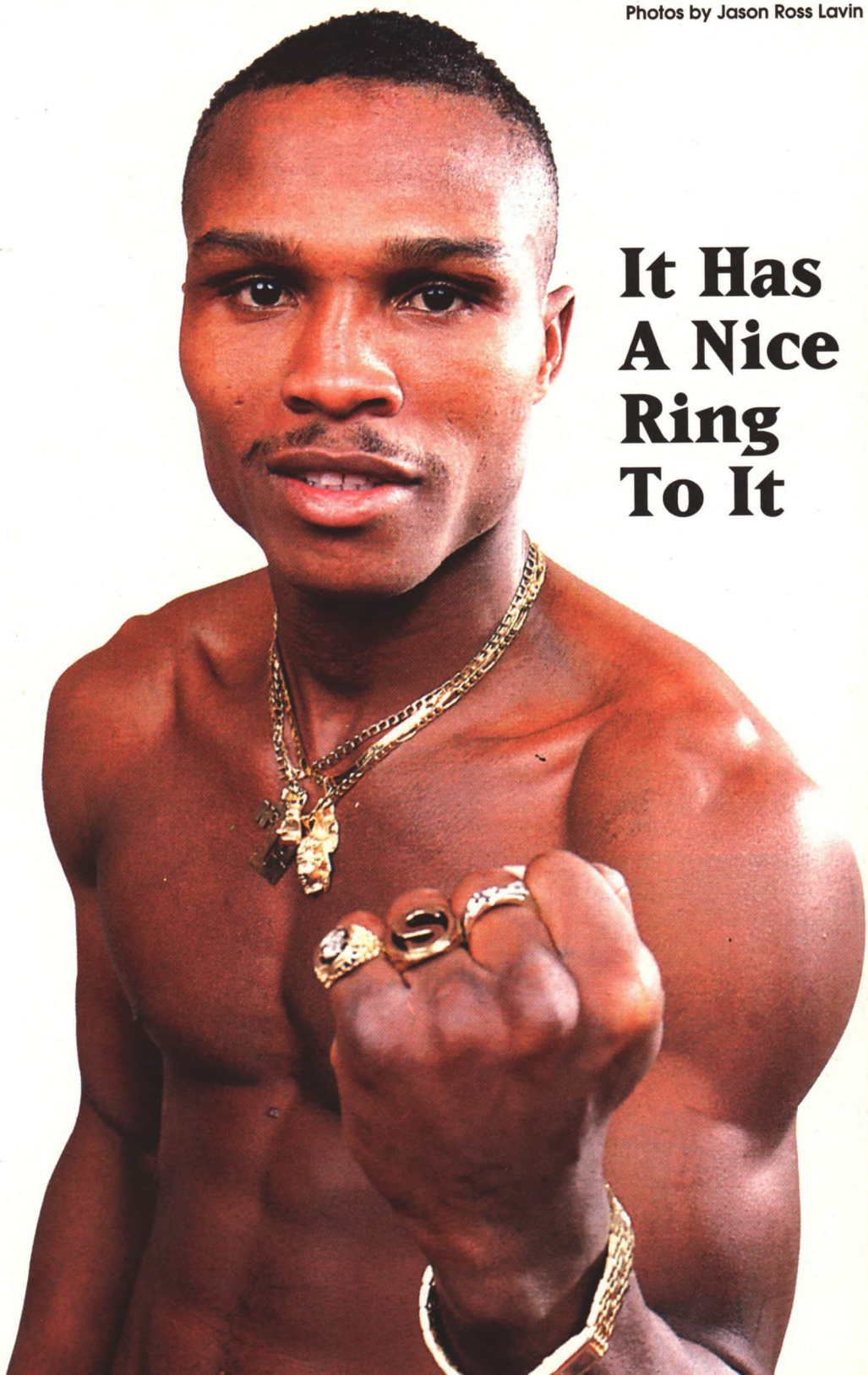
IKE QUARTEY

THE NEXT WELTERWEIGHT SUPERSTAR

Photos by Jason Ross Lavin



It Has A Nice Ring To It

by **Brian Doogan**

As twilight descends on Azumah Nelson's distinguished career, a new star is emerging out of Africa.

Unbeaten, underexposed, and undeniably talented, 25-year-old ...naian Ike "Bazooka" Quartey seems well-equipped to emulate his ...emed countryman. He dispenses leather with a potency that suggests ...three men to have taken him the distance have harder jaws than the ...heavyweights on Mount Rushmore. His own chin is solid, too, having ...stood the punishing power shots of Venezuelan Crisanto Espana,

...rtey was showcased on the Whitaker-Vasquez under-...d in Atlantic City, where he demolished South Korea's ...g Oh Park in four rounds. A unification between ...rtey and Whitaker is planned for later this year.

...m he overpowered for the WBA welterweight title ...June 1994. Twenty-nine opponents have shared a ...ful fate before trudging back, usually assisted, to the ...rs' locker room. All in all, he is a fairly convincing ...ce.

Such credentials may prove wholly inadequate, how-...r, when he steps into the ring with the elusive Pernell ...itaker later this year. Engaging the WBC welter-...ght champion is a unique experience. Whitaker ...ly inflicts lasting physical damage, but has a habit of ...ving bruised egos in his wake. Pinning him inside a 22-foot roped ...osure is like trying to capture sea air in a bottle, and his light punches ...easier to endure than to evade. Fighters fight, but Whitaker plays a dif-...ent game than most.

Undeterred, Quartey, 29-0 (25), remains convinced he can subject ...itaker to a Beethoven symphony rather than himself succumb to a ...ss waltz.

"I really want to fight him," he states emphatically. "He is good, but I ...e best welterweight in the world."

The last of some 27 children ("Don't ask how many sisters and broth-...I have," the fighter says, "because I don't remember"), Quartey was ...into a fighting family from Accra, and was drawn to boxing at age ...t. His father Robert was renowned in the Bukom district of the city for ...expertise at *asafoatswere*, an ancient and distinctive type of group ...bat, while older brother Clement won a silver medal in boxing at the ...Olympic Games in Rome. Inspired by his father's assertion, just before he died, that one day his son would be a world champion, Quartey set out with zeal to learn his trade.

"I enjoyed school, but I liked boxing more," he recalls. "I would always miss school through going to the gym. Back then, I did not think of the consequences of missing classes because I wanted to be the best I could."

Under the tutelage of Attuquaye Clottey, who had taken world champions David "Poison" Kotey and Azumah Nelson through their formative boxing experience, Quartey quickly excelled in the amateur ranks. He initially competed in international tournaments only after lying about his age, and in 1986 was proficient enough to win a bronze medal at the World Junior Championships in Havana. Two years later, the disappointment of dropping a controversial decision to Australia's Graham "Spike" Cheney at the Seoul Olympics was overshadowed by the death of friend and trainer Clottey.

"It was a big loss, as we were very close," reveals Quartey, who speaks English quite well. "He became a kind of father-figure, someone I could confide in. In a way, though, it made me stronger and more determined to succeed."

Teaming up with new trainer Dan Odamtten, Quartey, one day short of his 19th birthday, turned pro at 140 pounds with a kayo of Mama Mohammed. After only 11 contests he was African champion, having disposed of all his victims inside four rounds. An increasingly fearsome reputation was cemented when he destroyed Filipino Dindo Canoy in one round

to become WBC International titleholder in 1992. His subsequent jump to the welterweights initially seemed to result in a loss of punching power when three undistinguished opponents in succession took him the distance. These doubts were forcefully erased when, in his next bout, he devastated the previously unbeaten Espana in Paris' Palais des Sports Marcel Cerdan.

"My toughest fight was definitely the one with Espana," he says. "I made very good preparation for the bout. I saw him for the first time in Los Angeles in '91, and watched him carefully on TV leading up to the fight. It was hard, but I was really confident."

The confidence was put to a demanding test when, in the seventh round, the Venezuelan champion nailed Quartey with a stunning right cross and a followup combination. Quartey remembers "seeing stars all around and hearing bells," but his recuperative powers and superb conditioning saw him through the crisis. Determined to deny the judges their say, Quartey accelerated in the closing rounds and planted a solid flourish

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"It Was A Terrible, Beautiful, Unbelievable Fight"

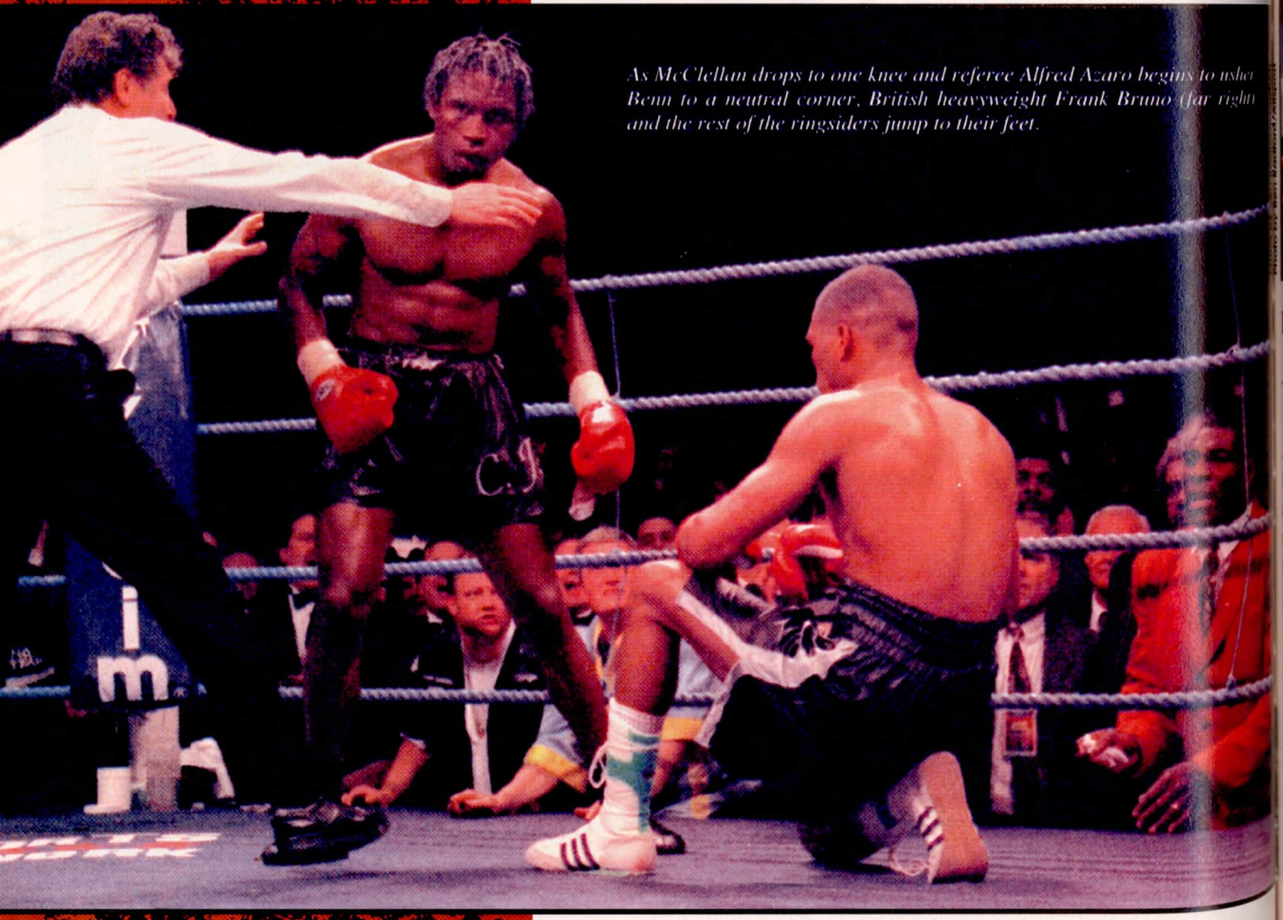
BENN-McCLELLAN: A FIGHTER'S PERSPECTIVE

The case for "the hardest game" is at its most suspect when a man has been pummeled to the point of death. Some suggest with conviction that such a calamity is inevitable in a discipline that requires two powerful athletes to aim destructive blows at one another's heads. They say that in a civilized society boxing should be no more considered a sport than the old Roman favorite of flinging Christians in with lions. They are unlikely to have detected any trace of heroism in the WBC super middleweight thriller between defending champion Nigel Benn and Gerald McClellan. In fact, such unremitting brutality undoubtedly polarized them further against boxing.

In an effort to seek a fighter's perspective, Brian Doogan, THE RING*'s correspondent in Europe, spoke candidly with British heavyweight Frank Bruno, who was ringside for Benn-McClellan, about the fight, its unfortunate consequences and the realities of a crude and cruel trade. In his own words, this is what Bruno had to say.*

The fight almost ended in the first round, when McClellan drove Benn through the ropes and onto the ring apron (left). Nine rounds later, the defending champion celebrated his victory while McClellan slumped in his corner only seconds before his collapse (below).

Photo by Marc Y. Morris



As McClellan drops to one knee and referee Alfred Azaro begins to usher Benn to a neutral corner, British heavyweight Frank Bruno (far right) and the rest of the ringsiders jump to their feet.

By Frank Bruno

No matter whether it's an amateur, a young pro fighting six two-minute rounds, or a world title challenger, it takes a brave, special kind of man to get into the ring. Boxing's not like soccer, where you pass the ball, or American football, where you can have a breather. It's one-on-one, *mano-a-mano*, gladiators. There is no place to hide. Any man who climbs through those ropes deserves respect.

Of course, it's a very dangerous sport, and people are going to argue for years and years about whether boxing should be banned, stop talking, and then start arguing some more. There have been deaths in the ring, but there are other sports that involve much more risk. You only have to look at horse racing, motor racing, skiing, rugby, football, and so forth. All these have produced a far greater number of deaths in recent years than boxing. But boxing is easy to knock, and a lot of people start jumping on the bandwagon to get it banned, even though far worse is happening in the world today.

There are wars going on and people being slaughtered, and people don't give a damn. Millions are starving across the world, yet there are food mountains lying in waste. It's crazy that people should become so worked up about two grown men who have made a decision to box. No one forces me to do whatever I'm going to do. I know the risk, as does every man who puts on a pair of boxing gloves.

Everything you do, however, has dangers. I could walk across the road tomorrow and get knocked down by some lunatic driver. I could eat something that's got some poisonous stuff in it. If I was getting into a circus act with lions or tigers or a crocodile, or if I was a zookeeper looking after lethal snakes, I would know the risk. Anything you do today, you have to be so

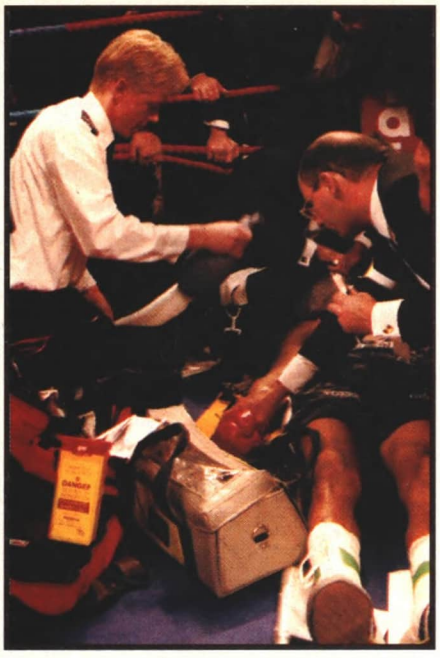


Photo by Jay Lash

careful. I mean, you can get AIDS by making love. Everything is getting more violent, and young kids are being caught up in drugs and worse. People are doing drastic, dangerous, and crazy things.

If I were to worry about all these different things, I'd be a nervous wreck. I'd be fretting, worrying, biting my nails, looking behind my back all the time. I can't let these things worry me, just as I don't fear anything happening to me in the ring. In life, something like that is always going to enter my feelings, but I place my trust in God, and I know He will protect me.

What is to be has got to be. In boxing, you get in shape, study tapes of your opponent, and go in there. Anything could happen—

Quick actions by a battery of ringside physicians helped save McClellan's life. The fighter was taken to a nearby hospital, where he underwent surgery to remove a blood clot in his brain.

anything—but you just can't worry about wh going to happen to you down the road. A know is that I've got to die some day, so I try enjoy my life as much as possible. I can't wo about so many little things or I wouldn't m or step outside the door.

What happened to Gerald McClellan is su a sad tragedy. My heart goes out to him and h family. I just pray that he pulls round and ma a good recovery. But life is life and it's just o of those things. You know the risks when y get involved in a sport like boxing. It does make me any more fearful when I step int ring.

I'm not in Nigel Benn's brain to know wh he is going through. But I know Nigel perso ly, and I think he must be very concerned ab the condition of McClellan. I think he'll be h ing and praying that Gerald gets better. All h

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A GREAT FIGHT WE'D LIKE TO FORGET

Overshadowed by tragedy and diminished among broader debates, Benn-McClellan, fought on February 25 before a crowd of 12,500 at The London Arena, was a fight of remorseless ferocity. In recent years, only the Thrilla in Manila and Hagler-Hearns have been so fierce.

The bout, Benn's seventh defense of the WBC super middleweight title, was almost over inside half a minute. Former WBC middleweight titleholder McClellan, 165, Detroit, launched a crushing series of blows at a seemingly overawed Benn, 168, Ilford, England, that sent him sprawling through the ropes. The champion barely managed to climb back in before the completion of French referee Alfred Azaro's count, but it seemed academic. The fists that had pulverized 20 opponents in the first round were surely about to victimize a 21st.

Drawing on previously unconvincing recuperative powers, Benn bobbed and weaved to somehow survive a totally one-sided round. As he trudged unsteadily back to his corner, the minute's respite seemed a mere stay of execution. But with stoic resolve, Benn, 40-2-1 (33), met McClellan punch for punch in the second and remarkably seized the initiative. From an irretrievable position, he was suddenly pushing McClellan, 31-3 (29), onto his back foot, where the challenger's potency was reduced. From this round onward, the combatants traded vicious blows. Someone inevitably had to give.

The first to do so was Benn, when he was struck by a mighty straight right in the eighth. Two more merciless rights placed him in serious trouble in McClellan's corner, and he fell after missing with a wild left and absorbing an inside right. Following the mandatory count, Benn landed a thunderous overhand right on the advancing American's jaw that provided him with a few more seconds in which to recover.

In further trouble in the ninth, Benn threw another swinging right, and as he lost his balance, the back of his head brushed McClellan's face. The challenger turned away, then reluctantly resumed battle at the referee's request.

McClellan's demise in the 10th was as sudden as it was unexpected. Constantly blinking eyelids sent out warning signals that something might be wrong, but the punches with which Benn twice sent him to the canvas were not as powerful as those previously landed. At this point, of course, the extent of McClellan's reduced state was unknown.

Photo by John Gichigi/Allsport

At the 1:46 mark of round 10, McClellan kneeled down and was counted out. He walked dejectedly back to his corner before sliding to the canvas. He was taken to the Royal London Hospital and underwent emergency surgery to relieve a blood clot in his brain. As we went to press, he was in stable condition and showing signs of at least partial recovery.

The judges were Jose Juan Guerra (Mexico), Anek Hongtongkam (Thailand), and Franz Marti (Switzerland).

–Brian Doogan

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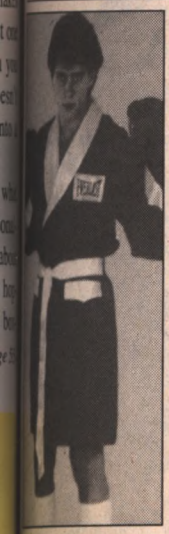

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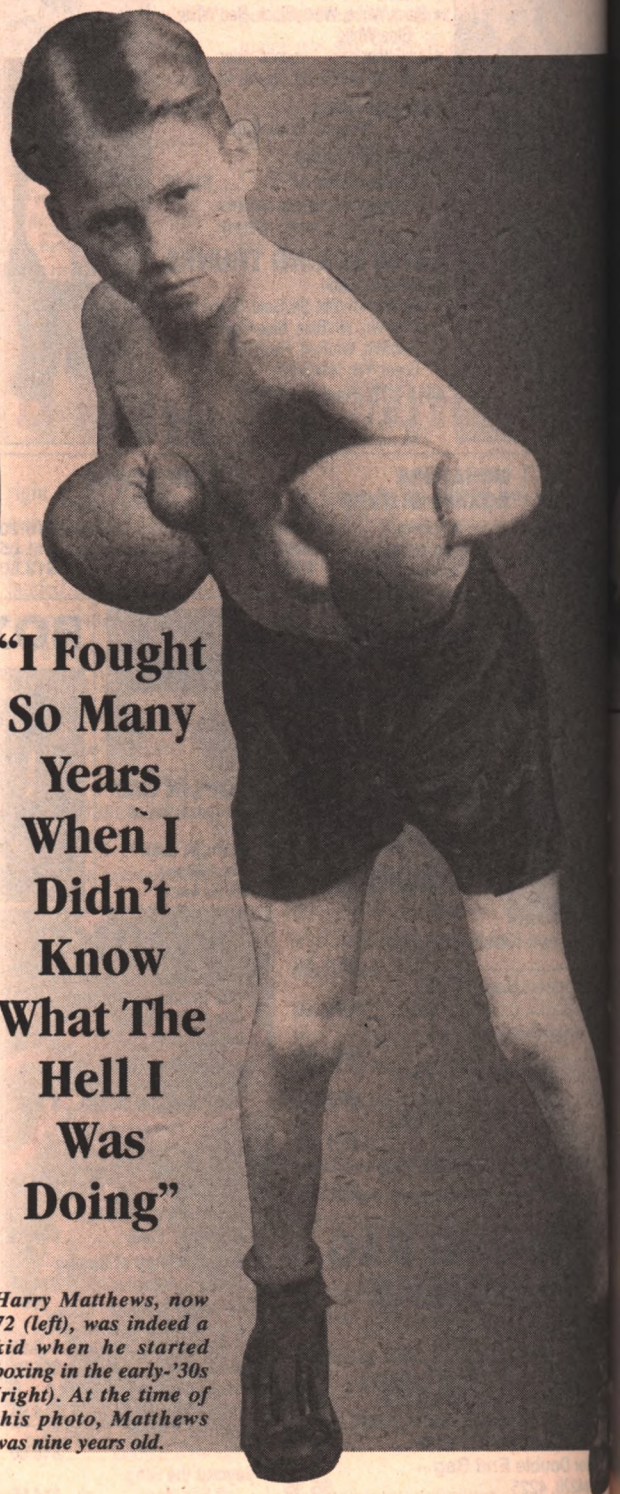
"I Fought So Many Years When I Didn't Know What The Hell I Was Doing"



Harry Matthews, now 72 (left), was indeed a kid when he started boxing in the early-'30s (right). At the time of this photo, Matthews was nine years old.

By Pete Ehrmann & Marty Carson

Imagine wanting to be a fighter from the age of nine, turning pro at 15, being ranked at 20, and, at 27, entering the prime of your career with only three defeats in 70 bouts.

Then imagine, after all that, finding out you don't really know how to fight at all and have to start all over again from ground zero. There probably isn't a fighter in history who wouldn't think about saying to hell with it and start digging ditches for a living.

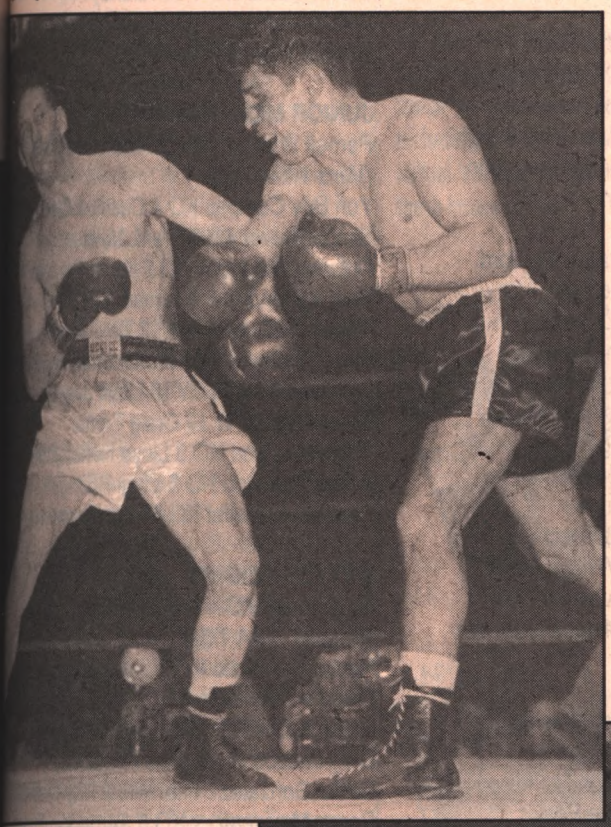
Forty-five years ago, that thought occurred to Harry Matthews after Jack Hurley took a look at his jab-and-run style and said if he wanted to get anywhere in boxing, he would have to learn how to fight. But Matthews knew then, as he still does today, that Hurley was absolutely right.

"I fought so many years when I didn't know what the hell I was doing," says the former heavyweight contender, now 72 and living in

Everett, Washington. "What I was doing was using just what I had picked up by myself. I didn't realize there were other ways of fighting."

Hurley taught him two good ways. One was with the gloves, the other with the U.S. Government, and what they accomplished shook boxing to its core in the early-'50s, and brought the man who started all over again two steps from the world title.

Boxing was one of the few things to do in Ola, Idaho, where Matthews grew up. About 30 miles north of Boise, where Matthews was born, Ola consisted of one store and a post office. Lou Matthews, Harry's dad, worked as a blacksmith and had the local mail route. He liked boxing, and was the one who got Harry started. Lou hung a double-end bag in the front room, where his son worked out every night.



Matthews and Jack Hurley enjoyed a classic student-teacher relationship (right). "The Kid" learned his lessons well, as he showed by slipping the right hand of Danny Nardico in 1951 (above). Matthews won a 10-round decision.

He had some amateur bouts, and after his dad signed a waiver, Harry turned pro at 15. He'd already dropped out of high school in the ninth grade because, after taking time off to help bring in hay, he was behind everybody else in class.

In 1937, his first year as a pro, Matthews knocked out three opponents. By his seventh bout, he was a main-eventer. He wasn't old enough to even drive an automobile legally.

When people would ask Lou Matthews when Harry was going to fight, he'd tell them, "the kid" was on in Pocatello next week, or over in Ontario, Oregon. He said it so much that Harry Matthews became known everywhere as Harry "Kid" Matthews.

For two years he didn't lose a fight. Then Matthews went up against a veteran middleweight named Jackie Burke and lost a decision.

"That was very strange," he recalls. "This guy couldn't punch hard enough to hurt anybody. But he threw so darn many punches and they were just tiring me out. The guy knew what he was doing."

Matthews continued to pick up things as he went along. In September 1942, he beat Al Hostak, who'd been the NBA 160-pound champion three years earlier. In a return match, they drew. That was enough to get the 19-year-old Matthews into THE RING's middleweight rankings. But successive losses in 1943 to Jack Chase and Eddie Booker, whose ring savvy, like Jackie Burke's before them, just wore Matthews out, got him unranked just as quickly.

After two years in the Army during the war, Matthews resumed his tour of Western rings in 1946. He didn't lose a fight for three years, but the money was peanuts, and for all his traveling, the Kid was going nowhere. Disgusted, he thought about quitting.

But first he went to Chicago, where he paid a call on Hurley, about whom Damon Runyon had written, "There are two honest boxing managers. One is Jack Hurley, and I forget the other one."

A cynical, bispectacled reed of a man, Hurley had guided Billy Petrolle through a great career and was considered one of boxing's truly gifted wizards.

"To Jack," wrote W.C. Heinz, "a fighter was a tool, and he was always looking for the tool that, when he was finished shaping it and honing it over the years, would be the perfect tool to do the perfect work."

Hurley agreed to watch Matthews in one bout and then make up his mind about whether to take him on. After Matthews won a decision over George Sherman in the Windy City, he went to Hurley and asked what he thought.

"Harry," said Hurley, "that was the most disgraceful thing I ever saw. If you and that kid were to go down to the street corner right now and go through the same antics, that traffic cop wouldn't even come over and break it up."

Naturally, Matthews bristled at this. "Don't tell me I can't fight," he told Hurley. "I've been fighting 12 years and lost only three fights."

Answered Hurley, "A bunch of 10-round decisions over punks nobody ever heard of. If you were using your natural equipment properly, you'd be stopping those hambones in one, two heats. I can teach you how to fight if you're willing to forget everything you think you know and do what I tell you."

Matthews was a true rarity. He agreed. He and Hurley went to Seattle to begin the shaping and honing process. It was one of boxing's great transformations.

"He was kind of an odd person, kind of hard to explain," says Matthews today of Hurley, who died in 1972. "But he was a great teacher. I'd been strictly a boxer, a hit-and-run fighter. He taught me how to punch with leverage and also finesse. He taught me how to slip punches."

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Roy Jones KO 1 Antoine Byrd
(Retains IBF Title)
Nigel Benn KO 10 Gerald McClellan
(Retains WBC Title)
Steve Collins W 12 Chris Eubank

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Julian Jackson KO 2 Agostino Cardamone
(Wins Vacant WBC Title)
Julian Jackson KO 3 Luis Buitron
Carl Daniels W 12 Sergio Medina
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Lonnie Bradley W 10 Apolinar Hernandez
Richie Woodhall KO 9 Silvio Branco
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Neville Brown KO 7 Carlo Colarusso
Anthony Brooks W 12 Johnny Williams
Darrin Morris KO 4 Tim Dendy
William Joppy KO 3 Tony McCrimmion
Skipper Kelp W 8 Ken Pratt

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Pernell Whitaker W 12 Julio Cesar Vasquez
(Wins WBA Title)
Yori Boy Campas KO 4 Cassius Clay Horne
Simon Brown KO 2 Frank Newton
Anthony Stephens KO 9 Kevin Pompey
Paul Vaden KO 6 Andreas Arellano
Robert McCracken W 12 Paul Wesley
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Freddie Pendleton KO 2 Clarence Coleman
Ralph Jones KO 10 Roland Commings
Gary Jacobs W 10 Jose Fernandez
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Ross Hale W 12 Malcolm Melvin
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FIGHTER *of the* MONTH

Since no one is faster, WBC welterweight champion Whitaker has taken to fighting me bigger and stronger than he is. Defending WBA junior middleweight champion Julio Ces Vasquez couldn't corner "Sweet Pea," who took the Argentine's title in Atlantic City *(see sto on page 35)* and then immediately vacated so he could drop back down to 147 pounds. It's qu a compliment that before Whitaker tackled Vasquez, there was talk of a matchup between th four-division champion and Roy Jones. Such a fight would be absurd, of course; Jones boxes 168 pounds and will someday jump to light heavyweight, while Whitaker could probably sti make 140 pounds. But as the result of the Vasquez fight suggests, finding a legitimate challeng for Whitaker has become a chore.

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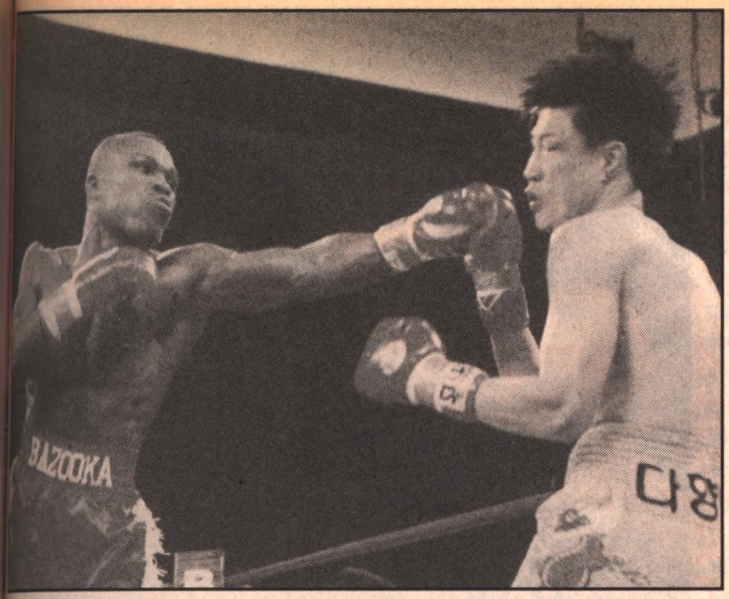
Pernell Whitaker



For Quartey, a walk through Park

Ike Quartey KO 4 Jung Oh Park

Atlantic City, New Jersey: American fans finally got a first-hand look at WBA welterweight champion "Bazooka" Quartey on the Pernell Whitaker-Julio Cesar Vasquez undercard, and they couldn't help but be impressed by what they saw. Granted, South Korean challenger Park was the perfect foil, but even against a painfully outclassed opponent, it was obvious Quartey belongs with Whitaker and IBF champion Felix Trinidad at the top of the division.

Quartey, 147, allowed his courageous challenger to initiate the action, preferring to counterpunch with his destructive left hand. The France-based Ghanaian repeatedly drilled the onrushing Park, 147, with neck-wrenching jabs and compact hooks. Park's concept of defense was to absorb every shot flush on the head. Even when his back was to the ropes, Quartey punished Park, 27-4-3 (20), with an assortment of precision blows. In ring-center, he was even more devastating.

After three rounds of abuse, Park's face was a sickening mess. He was swollen, cut over the right eye, and bleeding from the mouth. When Quartey, 28-0 (24), continued to lambaste him in the fourth, referee Earl Morton (USA) mercifully stopped the fight 2:35 into the round.

It was Quartey's second defense of the title he won from Crisanto Espana in June '94. Guyana's Andrew Murray, the WBA's mandatory challenger, is next. While he figures to present more of a challenge than Park, the drums are already beating for a Quartey-Whitaker unification match in the fall.

Promoters: Main Events/Monitor, A.B. Star Productions
(3-4-95)
Nigel Collins

Hyung Chul Lee KO 12 Tomonori Tamura

Pusan, South Korea: WBA junior bantamweight champion Lee kept the crown for the first time, outjabbing Japan's Tamura, closing his right eye, and surging late to finish him at 2:32 of the final round before some 4,000 fans at Sajik Gymnasium.

The 25-year-old Lee, 115, South Korea, controlled Tamura, 114¾, with superior skills. The champion dominated the first three rounds with jabs, and by the second, the 24-year-old Tamura showed swelling over his eye. Tamura, who is managed by former WBA featherweight champion Shojo Saijyo, took the fourth by punching to the body. But the cool Korean rebounded in the fifth and sixth, hurting the challenger with combinations.

Tamura, 23-3 (18), desperately attacked over the second half of the bout, and Lee, 19-4 (15), countered well with combinations. The Korean controlled the ninth and 10th rounds, and in the 11th, the gutty Tamura was boxing with a right eye that was all but shut. In the 12th, Lee dropped Tamura with a solid left hook and a right. By the time Saijyo tossed a towel of surrender into the ring, referee Pinit Prayadsab (Thailand) had already tolled 10.

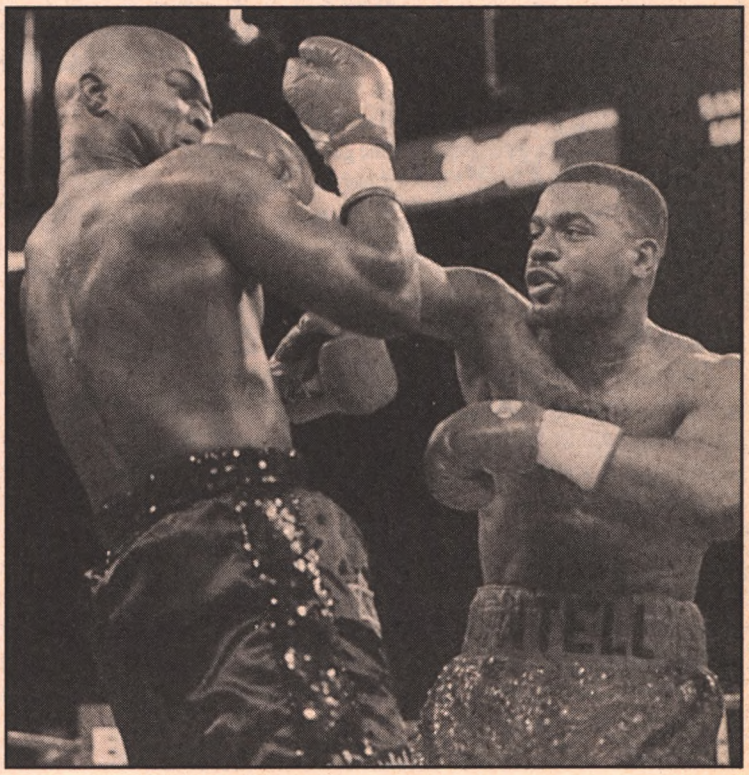
After 11 rounds, Lee led on all three cards, with Rogelio Perez (Panama) and Tommy Thomas (Venezuela) both scoring 107-103 and Arkom Wannasit (Thailand) 106-103.

Lee won the title by stopping another Japanese, Katsuya Onizuka, last September.

Promoter: Kyu Chul Kim
(2-25-95)
Joe Koizumi

Montell Griffin W 12 James Toney

Las Vegas, Nevada: Unbeaten 1992 Olympian Griffin became a spoiler of huge proportions by employing steady trench warfare to issue two-division former world champion Toney his second consecutive loss. An HBO-televised battle before a crowd of 6,272 at the MGM Grand Garden



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Griffin gave Toney an uncomfortable night

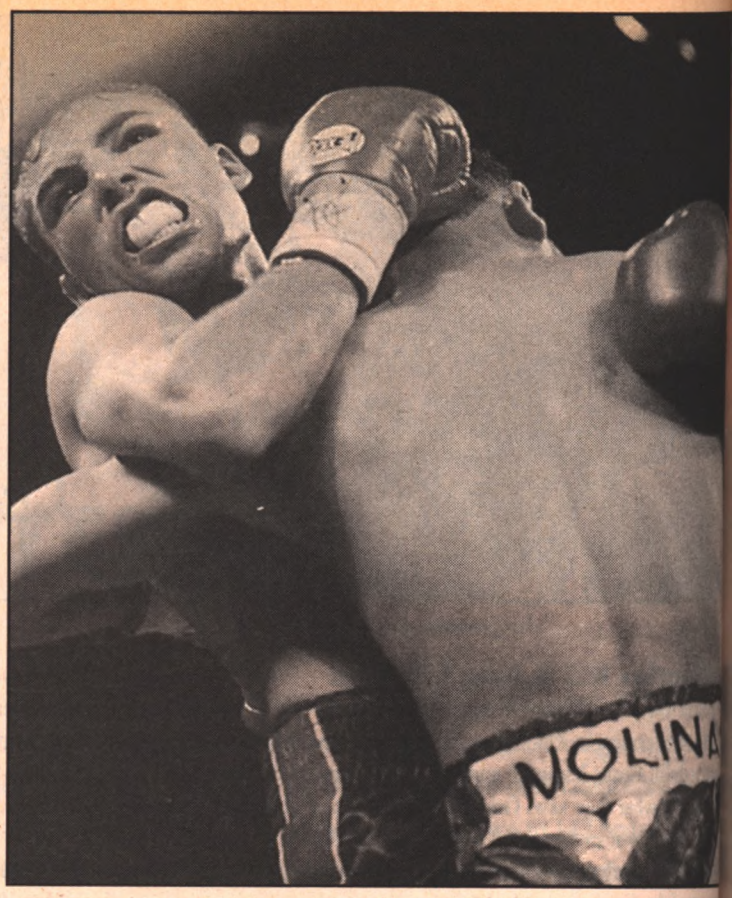
Arena, the bout was the chief support to Oscar De La Hoya-John-John Molina.

Three months to the day after Toney, 175, Ann Arbor, Michigan, lost the IBF super middleweight title to Roy Jones, he failed against 5-1 underdog Griffin in the same ring. In the heavy exchanges, the 24-year-old Griffin, 173½, Chicago, inflicted more punishment than he received. He wasn't in awe of Toney, and he diligently executed the fight plan created by co-trainers Eddie Futch and Thell Torrance.

In the early rounds, Toney, 26, seemed intent on loading up for a one-punch kayo. The ever-scowling warrior's best chance came late in the third round, when he caught Griffin with a short right to the head. Reeling across the ring, Griffin employed a combination of the limbo, the boogaloo, and the twist to avoid a knockdown. Upon realizing his opponent was hurt, Toney ran across the ring and fell to the canvas after throwing a wild right. There would be no second chances.

Griffin's formula for victory was to plant his head on the former champion's left shoulder and double up with short but mean punches to the head and body. Most significantly, he was successful in minimizing Toney's counter right hands.

Griffin dictated the tempo, but the outcome was still in doubt through nine rounds. With 20 seconds remaining in the seventh, the underdog lost an opportunity for a possible stoppage victory when he staggered Toney with a left-right-left combination. Toney, 44-2-2 (29), careened into the ropes, but there were no effective followup blows. Nonetheless, Griffin, 15-0 (8), fought aggressively down the stretch and swept the last three rounds on all cards.



De La Hoya got to know Molina all too well

The decision was a majority verdict, with Art Lurie scoring 116-112, Bill Graham 115-113, and Duane Ford 114-114. All three judges are from the USA. THE RING had Griffin in front by 116-112.

"I thought I outboxed and outjabbed Toney, so I wasn't surprised about the decision," said the winner. "I was a little upset when I heard the first judge's score was a draw. I thought *Oh, my God. They got me.*"

Toney didn't attend the postfight press conference. Before leaving the ring, he said, "It was a bad decision. I had the guy beat."

Toney earned $270,000 and Griffin a career-high $100,000.

Promoter: Top Rank

(2-18-95)

Jack Welsh

Oscar De La Hoya W 12 John-John Molina

Las Vegas, Nevada: In an exercise that was closer to a mugging than a prize fight, De La Hoya took a giant step forward by scoring a unanimous decision over former IBF junior lightweight champion Molina at the MGM Grand Garden Arena. The victory enabled De La Hoya to keep his scheduled May 6 date with IBF lightweight champion Rafael Ruelas.

The bout, De La Hoya's first test against a championship-caliber opponent, was billed as "Ready Or Not." The fight was never pretty, but "The Golden Boy" proved he could handle both the championship distance and the unorthodox, back-alley tactics of his opponent.

De La Hoya enjoyed huge advantages in height (four inches), reach (seven inches), and punching power. On the other hand, Molina was far more experienced and hadn't been beaten in five years.

De La Hoya, 135, Los Angeles, planned to dictate the fight with a fluid offense, and midway through the first round, he countered a Molina overhand right with a hook to the jaw. Molina, 134, Fajardo, Puerto Rico, w down but easily beat the count of referee Mills Lane (USA), and De Hoya was unable to press his advantage.

It took Molina, who was long on grit and savvy, nine minutes to m ize he'd have to crowd his bigger opponent. He began rushing in, and fr round four to the finish, an unofficial ringside count totaled 70 clinch Molina was usually the instigator, and Lane was constantly prying fighters apart.

Molina, 36-4 (26), registered his best rounds in the fifth and sixth, d ing which he bulled De La Hoya, 17-0 (15), into the ropes. De La H frequently complained of rabbit punching and butting. Molina's b punch came early in the sixth, when he snapped back De La Hoya's h with a left uppercut. He also scored with several rights to the body a head.

After surviving the uncomfortable middle rounds, the 22-year-old La Hoya finished strongly, taking the 11th and 12th. He finished as he started, striking with quick, explosive combinations. Jerry Roth and Jo Rupert both scored 116-111 and Chuck Giampa 117-110. All three judg are from the USA. THE RING saw De La Hoya the winner by 116-112.

"I fought a very unintelligent fight," admitted De La Hoya. "I sho have boxed more. John-John had no power to hurt me. I took his b punch, which was his head."

"I was surprised De La Hoya could take my punch," said Molina. "I glad neither one of us had to go the hospital."

Ruelas said he wasn't too impressed. "[De La Hoya] was trying catch Molina with a left hook," he said. "After the first round it di work, and he didn't know what to do. I assure you I'll defeat De La H very dramatically."

De La Hoya earned $1.25-million and Molina a career-high $300,000.
Promoter: Top Rank
(2-18-95)
Jack Welsh

Vuyani Bungu W 12
Mohammed Al Haji Nurhuda

Hammanskraal, South Africa: Making his second defense of the IBF junior featherweight title, Bungu completely outclassed mandatory challenger Nurhuda in scoring a unanimous decision before a crowd of 3,500 at the Carousel gambling resort.

The 28-year-old Bungu, 121½, East London, South Africa, started slowly, allowing Nurhuda, 122, Indonesia, a slight edge in the opening round. The champion picked up the pace in the second, scoring with combinations to the head as the fighters stood toe-to-toe in ring-center.

By the sixth it was apparent the 30-year-old Nurhuda was not in the same class as the superbly conditioned champion, and the gutsy Indonesian began to take a beating. Bungu, 26-2 (17), kept up the pressure until the final bell, varying his attack from head to body and connecting with a stiff jab when outside. Nurhuda's face was badly swollen by the finish, and his left eye was nearly closed. All he could offer was courage. He rarely chose to clinch, and referee Clement Martin (South Africa) had little work to do.

Though Nurhuda, 24-4-4 (3), lasted the distance, he showed few skills, and his number-one ranking seemed questionable.

Lulama Mtya (South Africa) and Eugene Grant (USA) both scored 119-109 and Jacob Limahelu (Indonesia) 118-110.

Promoters: Rodney Berman, Cedric Kushner
(3-4-95)
Ron Jackson

Mike McCallum KO 7
Carl Jones

London, England: Still as classy a performer as there is in boxing, McCallum defended the WBC light heavyweight title for the first time, efficiently stopping the courageous Jones at the 1:17 mark of the seventh round at The London Arena. The bout was the chief support to Nigel Benn-Gerald McClellan.

The triple-crown champion may be 37, but his punches remain sharp and potent, and he retains the desire to continue to excel. Dream matches against the likes of Thomas Hearns, Roberto Duran, and Sugar Ray Leonard eluded McCallum in the '80s. Now he has aspirations of unifying the 175-pound crown by taking on Henry Maske or Virgil Hill.

On the evidence of his display against the unaccomplished "911" Jones, McCallum, 174, Brooklyn via Kingston, Jamaica, would have a better than even chance of winning either of those battles. His jab was superb and his combinations unerringly accurate. Jones, 171, Las Vegas, proved stubbornly resilient, and at times even traded with the champion, but was quickly shown to be out of his league.

Following a quiet opener, McCallum, 48-2-1 (36), went to work in the second. A jab-left hook combination stunned the challenger, and McCallum maintained the momentum until the bell. He continued to press the action in the third, landing a series of uppercuts that compounded Jones' discomfort.

The 32-year-old Jones, 22-5-4 (12), was further hurt near the end of the fourth by a ripping right to the solar plexus that sent him to the canvas. He beat the count of referee Larry O'Connell (England), and the bell rang before McCallum could inflict more damage.

In round six, a flurry put Jones in trouble again. The champion applied increased pressure during the seventh, and Jones began to wilt in McCallum's corner. Uppercuts and hooks connected forcefully with Jones' head until O'Connell decided enough was enough. The challenger's cornermen protested half-heartedly, but they had little room for complaint.

The judges were John Keane (England), Mickey Vann (England), and Chuck Giampa (USA).

Promoters: Frank Warren, Don King
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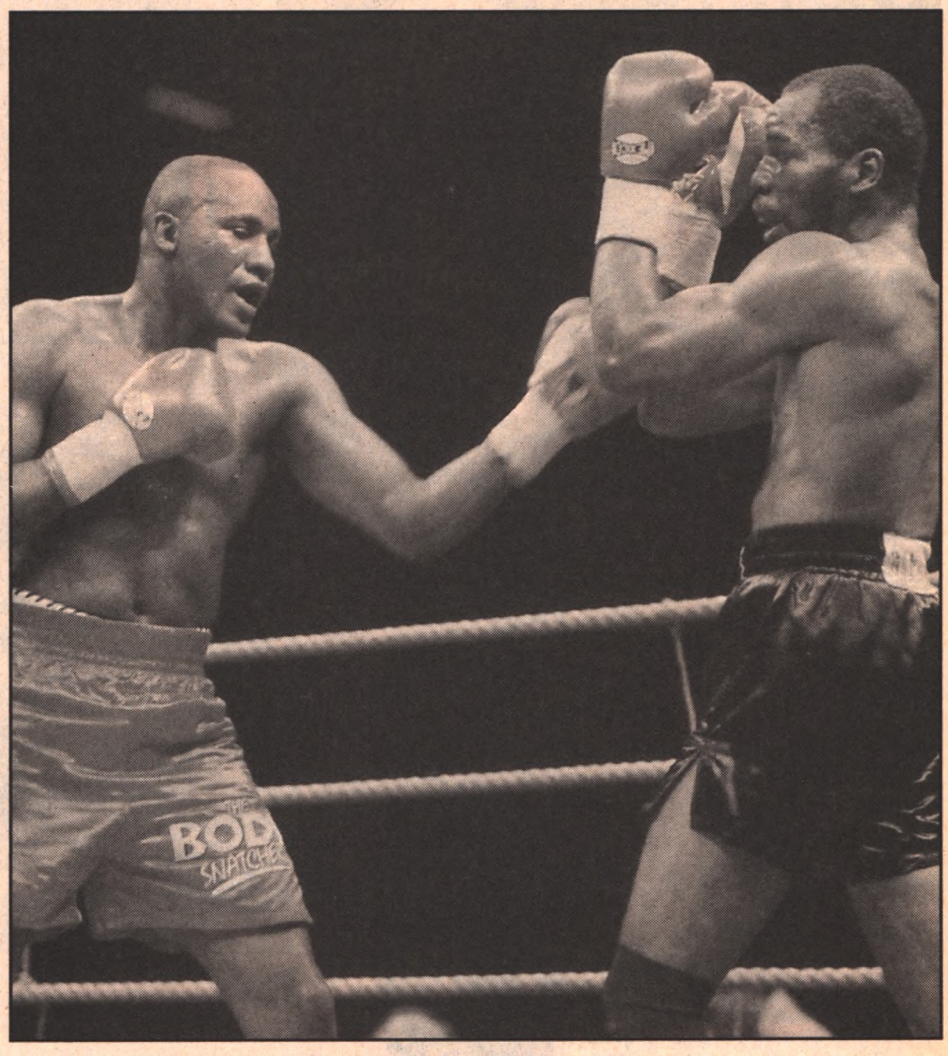

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McCallum had little trouble beating up Jones

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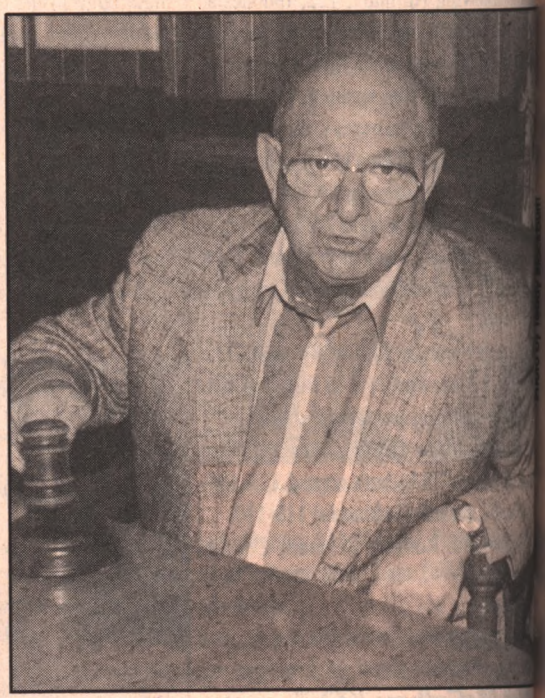

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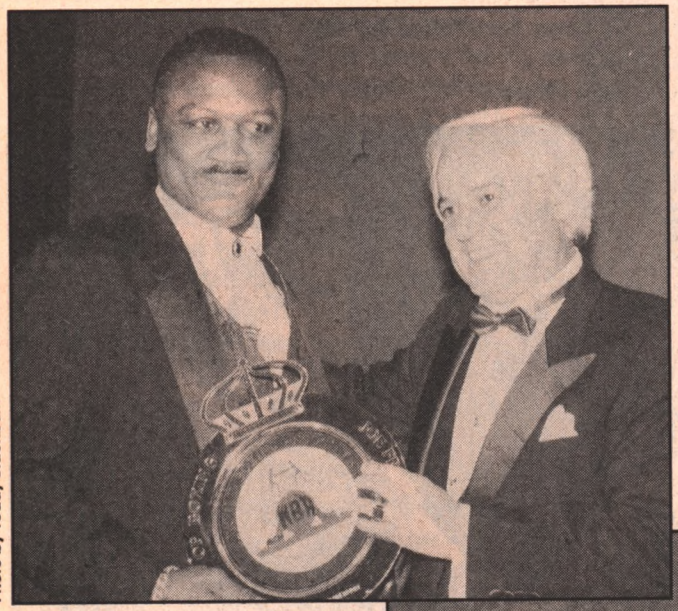

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At the WBA's annual dinner, Joe Frazier, still smokin' at age 51, was presented with a special award by orgnanization president Gilberto Mendoza.

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And Magic Johnson thought ***Muggsy Bogues*** *was short! At a Los Angeles Lakers game at the Great Western Forum, Chiquita Gonzalez, 5'1", greets Magic, 6'9".*

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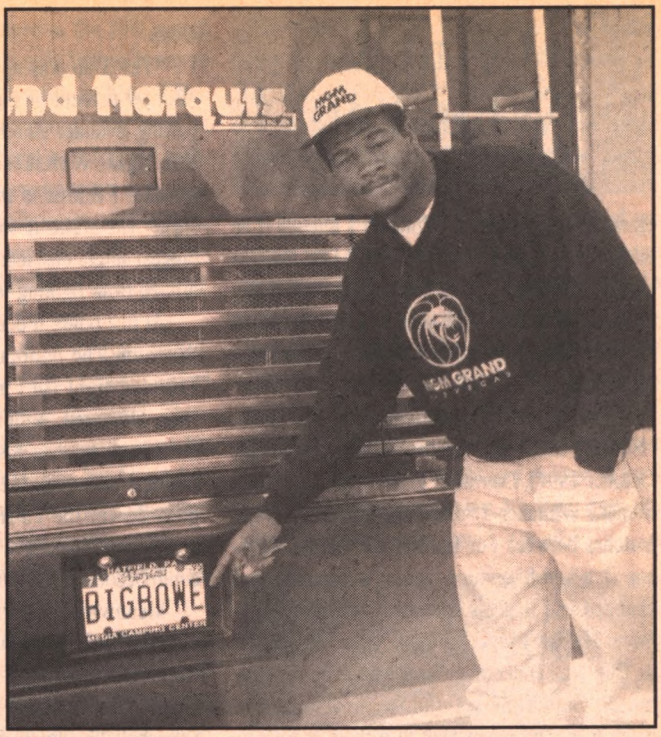

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Former heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe doesn't like to fly, so he travels from fight to fight in the Bowemobile, a $270,000 condo on wheels. Makes for a nice stocking stuffer, don't you think?

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Liberace or Liberatore? The ever-elegant Michael Spinks proves he can do more with his hands than just smash faces. From what we hear, brother Leon plays a mean cello.

Pernell Whitaker

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Heck, he'll fight him in Whitaker's kitchen if he wants. But [Main Events promoter] Dan Duva is blocking the fight. Duva has publicly stated that he'll never allow Whitaker to fight Trinidad unless [Julio Cesar] Chavez gives Whitaker a rematch first."

"That's not true," countered Kathy Duva. "Shortly after he had his brain surgery [in October 1994], Dan went to Showtime and tried to make Whitaker-Trinidad and a bunch of other matches between our fighters and King's fighters. Dan told Showtime that his perspective had changed and that his ego wasn't involved anymore. He just wanted to make the fights. As far as Dan was concerned, King could be the promoter. Showtime wanted to know what the catch was, and when Dan told them there was no catch, they were beside themselves. But King is so ornery, he killed the deal."

Showtime boxing boss Jay Larkin recalled a slightly different version of his meeting with Duva.

"Yes, Dan was up here," confirmed Larkin. "But 99 percent of the conversation was about putting Evander Holyfield on the fast track to a title fight. Whitaker was only mentioned in passing. I'd love to make a Trinidad-Whitaker fight. I'd make it today if I could. But the biggest single obstacle is HBO. Whitaker is prohibited from fighting for anybody else."

At this point, it doesn't matter who is telling the truth. The bottom line is that a Whitaker-Trinidad fight isn't about to happen anytime soon. Of course, with an insurance fraud indictment hanging over his head, King's long-range future is uncertain. If the controversial promoter goes down, the entire face of boxing could change, and making a Trinidad-Whitaker match could become a relatively easy matter.

Meanwhile, Whitaker's pound-for-pound position has been further enhanced by winning a world title in a fourth weight division. Still, his victory over Vasquez was a bit like Sugar Ray Leonard's knockout of Donny Lalonde in 1988. It proved that a great little man can usually beat a modestly talented big man. But at this stage of his Hall of Fame career, Whitaker can bring greater glory to himself by unifying the welterweight title. And that means fighting Quartey and Trinidad before the bouts lose their significance.

Ike Quartey

(Continued from page 39)

of blows to Espana's jaw in the 11th round which sent him down.

"I had dreamt of that moment a lot," says Quartey, "as I wanted to win the title at my first attempt. My father had said I'd be world champion, and now I had the opportunity to ensure that prediction came true."

Quartey did not relent, and another flurry forced the referee to intervene. The crowd in Paris, where Quartey now has most of his fights (he is managed and promoted by Louis and Michel Acaries' AB Stars Production), warmly applauded the new champion, but the celebration was dwarfed by the hero's welcome generated by his return to Accra.

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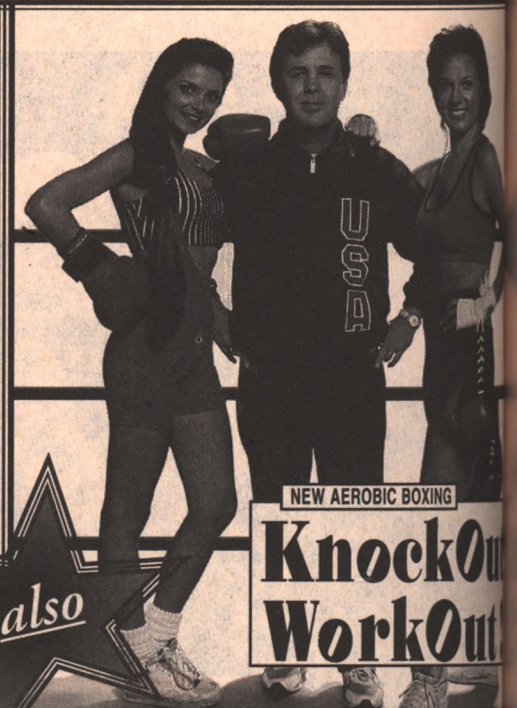

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dent. Elder boxing statesman Nelson was a special guest at the official ceremony, symbolizing the passing of the torch from old warrior to new.

"Ike is an important symbol for the people of Ghana," says Natalie Christol, a spokeswoman for AB Stars. "All of his fights go out on TV there, and he is an image that ordinary people can aspire to. Like Azumah Nelson before him, he is a hero to his countrymen."

In spite of the mass attention his career has sparked, Quartey's feet have remained firmly on the ground. He enjoys nothing more than playing soccer with his friends in Accra Stadium or relaxing at home in front of the television with his wife and six-year-old son Clement. The knowledge that his mother is very proud of her son's exploits means almost as much to him as being champion of the world.

"My mother was not keen for me to take up boxing," Quartey concedes. "She used to whip me sometimes if I came home with a bruise on my face, because she would know I had gone to the gym. But she could never keep me away, and I'm glad now I've made her happy."

Two undemanding defenses of the WBA 147-pound crown have hardly enhanced Quartey's international reputation, although fighting South Korea's Jung Oh Park on the undercard of the Pernell Whitaker-Julio Cesar Vasquez bill *(see "Ringside Reports" on page 49)* at least made the American public aware of his existence, if not his potential. Paris may be the lovers' capital of the world, but in boxing territory it is quite peripheral. Exposure in America is absolutely crucial if Quartey is to achieve the kind of global recognition enjoyed by Nelson. But he obviously has a lot to do if he is one day to be favorably compared to that remarkable fighter.

Beating Whitaker would be a nice place to start. ■

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Benn-McClellan

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ers, no matter what people think, have respect for one another. We might shout each other down and slag each other off, but when the fighting's done, we greet each other with a lot of respect. And after a fight like they had, you can only have great respect for both of them.

It was a terrible, beautiful, unbelievable fight. After what took place in the first round, how Nigel came back God only knows. It scared me what was going to happen to him. When American fighters get you going, they don't let off. But through bobbing and weaving and grabbing the ropes, he somehow managed to survive it. He was lucky. Everybody needs a bit of luck, but he showed a lot of guts and heart, too, so you have to give him a little bit of credit as well. Determination pulled him through.

After the first round, I think the fight turned. It looked better for Nigel in the second, and as the fight wore on, his chances improved. There were a couple of patches where it got a bit rocky, especially in the eighth, but Nigel just broke him down. They both showed tremendous heart, but sometimes a fighter goes in and wants it a little bit more. No disrespect to McClellan, but Nigel wanted it more.

I got caught up in the whole atmosphere because I know Nigel from a long time ago, and everybody had written him off. And if you can give a fellow Brit, a brother, a sportsman, some encouragement from ringside, it all goes down well. It helps. You have to remember that McClellan, with all those quick knockouts, was meant to be, pound-for-pound, the hardest puncher in the world. Nigel had to dig down deep and break his resolve, and that got me fired up for him.

The fight will probably not be remembered for how good it was, but rather for the tragedy at the end. But if you look at the medical safeguards that have been put in place, you'll realize the sport is getting safer. The distance of championship fights has been dragged down from 15 to 12 rounds. The British Boxing Board has introduced more medics to ringside and instructed referees to step in quicker if a fighter is taking a lot of punishment. If a boxer is stopped or cut, he receives a suspension. He then has to take a thorough medical and brain scan. Medicals are regularly scheduled, and there are eye tests, AIDS tests, and brain scans done every year. There are little things that could be tightened up, but these are being looked into all the time. Overall, the British Board has done an excellent job, and I think the boxing commissions in America should follow suit. The quick medical attention certainly saved McClellan's life.

I can't say that what happened in the Benn-McClellan bout will turn me against boxing or make me frightened when I fight again. It will just encourage me to get fitter, to be stronger, more positive, more determined, more careful when I'm in there. I've been promised a world title shot later this year against the winner of Oliver McCall-Larry Holmes, and I'm looking very forward to it. I know I've had three title fights in the past, but I'm older, wiser, and cooler, and this will be my last chance. That's what makes me dangerous. I'm a desperate person. I'm not just hungry to win it, I'm *starving*.

Boxing is my profession. It's a way of getting a lot of people out of trouble who would instead be going to prison. It's a way of life for a lot of people. Yes, it's a hard sport—very, very hard. Fighters put on gloves and do a lot of damage to one another. But it's a sport that a lot of people like and many get involved with. It's dangerous, but it also saves a lot of lives; it puts some people on the straight and narrow. A lot of men are thankful for boxing. It's been their lifesaver. So I can't really knock it at all. ■

New Faces

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"They thought I was a stiff," says Stone. "They tried to find out all kinds of information about me, but because I was from England, they couldn't. I thought it would be a good way to measure myself."

The Daughtry bout took place on the undercard of the Riddick Bowe-Michael Dokes heavyweight title fight at Madison Square Garden. It was a four-round brawl during which Stone never allowed the New York prodigy to establish a rhythm. He smothered the rangy Daughtry, who had Eddie Futch in his corner, and wound up winning a four-round decision.

"Like most of the people in the Garden that night, I didn't expect this kid from England to come in and beat Sean Daughtry," recalls Stan Hoffman, who eventually became Stone's co-manager. "I thought Daughtry was the greatest thing since chopped liver."

In Stone's second pro fight, he boxed to a technical draw vs. James Crosby, who suffered an accidental butt-induced cut and couldn't continue. Stone has since reeled off 12 straight wins, including nine knockouts. It was after Stone's third fight that Phil Shevack, who was managing the fighter out of Ike's Gym, sought the help of the well-connected Hoffman. Now Stone is one of Top Rank's brightest stars.

"Adrian Stone is definitely championship material," says Top Rank matchmaker Ron Katz. "He's fought mostly opponents other fighters avoid. And he's accounted himself very well."

In Stone's first eight-rounder, he decisioned

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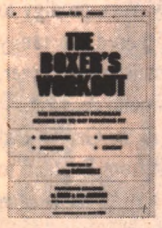

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Puerto Rico's Victor Perez, who was 9-0. Then, in what Stone considers his finest performance, he stopped Curtis Peoples in Monticello, New York. Shevack calls that fight "a tremendous display of aggression in a very scientific manner."

In February, Stone was matched with Las Vegas-based Ross Thompson in an ESPN-televised battle of unbeaten prospects. Thompson was disqualified in the seventh round for excessive holding. Stone was happy with the win, but ...

"My opponent didn't give me the opportunity to show my skills," he complains. "It was very disappointing. I thought it made *me* look bad as well."

"Thompson prevented Adrian from demonstrating what he can do," adds Shevack. "He got hurt in the first round and he openly sought the disqualification."

Stone, 23, compiled a record of 35-3 as an amateur. He won two junior national titles in England, but as an open-division fighter, he lost in the Amateur Boxing Association finals three consecutive years. He came to the USA as a crude brawler who charged after opponents, hoping to break their wills, if not their jaws.

Because of his style and the perfect match with his name, the Englishman was nicknamed "Hands Of" Stone. He doesn't remember who gave him the name, only that he despised it because it wasn't original. Now he goes by "The Predator."

In England, Stone had a difficult enough time convincing people to remember his given name. He said growing up in Bristol was a lot like growing up in the Deep South of the United States.

"Everyone made fun of the way I spoke," he remembers. "It's just like here. Even I make fun of how people in the South speak."

No one in England took Stone seriously until he began regularly showing up in the ABA finals. But Stone always took himself seriously, which led to his journey across the Atlantic. He says there are differences in the way Americans and Englishmen approach boxing. He has attempted to blend the philosophies.

"Over there, it's all about strength, stamina, and conditioning," says Stone. "I never learned anything over there. Here, it's all about skill and technique."

And here, he still feels he has to prove himself.

"A lot of people don't think much of m... he says. "But that's to be expected because I'... British. Slowly, I'm proving myself. I get ... much better every fight. When I look back ... even my ninth fight, I can't believe it. I'm dy... to let people see what I really have."

Stone, who still lives in Paterson with h... aunt and uncle, is learning his trade by spar... with the best fighters available. Before a fig... he alternates training between Ike's ... Gleason's Gym in Brooklyn. Among the ... fighters he has worked with are Buddy McG... Aaron Davis, and Curtis Summit.

Immediately after the Daughtry fight, St... took a two-week job in the Virgin Islands a... sparring partner for Livingston Bramble. "I ... had one fight and I was doing very well [again... Bramble]," he recalls. "I know Bramble was ... at his best, but it gave me an idea of what ... could do."

Hoffman says he's impressed with Ston... spartan lifestyle and his ability to absorb wh... Rivera is teaching him in the gym. "He was ... pure banger who now uses his jab and is learn... ing more defense," says the manager. "I'm ... thrilled with his progress. Joey Rivera is doing ... great job with him."

Hoffman, who helped resurrect the caree... of established fighters such as Iran Barkley, ... Michael Bentt, and Freddie Liberatore, main... tains that it takes three years to develop a wor... champion from scratch. He concedes Stone m... be ahead of schedule. Shevack agrees, but, li... Hoffman, indicates there is no rush. He says h... would like Stone to engage in at least two mo... scheduled 10-rounders, or a total of 20 p... fights, before making a major move.

Stone's management is considering a retu... to England and a fight for the British ... Commonwealth title. A victory in such a bou... they are hoping, will launch the welterweig... toward a world title fight by the end of 1995.

Then maybe Stone can get on with his voc... tion.

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Bowe-Hide

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Hide's courage spoke well for him. It al... turned out to be a blessing for Bowe. True, th... 27-year-old Bowe, 36-1 (30) with 1 no-contes... was excessively hittable, but that was partly du... to the fact that he realized he could weather t...

ller man's best shots.

Unlike most members of the media, trainer former light heavyweight champion Eddie stafa Muhammad saw no problem with owe's performance.

"Hide was 214 pounds and very quick. owe did what he had to do. His defense was s—and remember who his trainer is," offered uhammad, referring to the legendary Eddie ch.

What Bowe needed was more than just a ctory. He needed to create some excitement, d the give-and-take action that came against ide will help to erase the bland impression left y Bowe's inactivity and recent forgettable ights. Had Bowe won by quick knockout, he likely would have been criticized for choosing nother unworthy opponent. Conversely, had Hide elected to move and box throughout, nother dull 12 rounds could have stalled Bowe's career even further.

Hide's willingness to exchange helped put Bowe's natural talents on display. Big Daddy's ab proved as powerful as his chin proved trong. He landed hooks to the body that made Hide's entire body vibrate. And, most importantly, after the butt in the second round, an ingredient that had been missing for too long finally returned: motivation.

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As for motivation, Bowe should have his plate full for the rest of the year. A couple of days after the Hide fight, Bowe and Newman visited Mike Tyson two weeks prior to "Iron Mike's" scheduled release from prison. Newman has repeatedly spoken of an offer that is "on the table" for a match that would generate as much as $120-million in purses. Madison Square Garden is interested in the showdown, and Newman says all that's missing is Tyson's approval.

That aside, Bowe's next bout will be on June 17 against Gonzalez. "The Cuban Lion," who is promoted by the MGM Grand, was an amateur star and has compiled a pro record of 23-0 (22) since defecting in 1991. The media and fans alike have not taken much of a liking to Gonzalez. Nor has Bowe, who is all too familiar with the 6'7" giant.

A common criticism of Gonzalez points to the quality of his opposition. Luis DeCubas, Gonzalez' manager, says this criticism is inaccurate and unfair.

"Jorge has fought better guys coming up than Bowe or [Lennox] Lewis did," said DeCubas, who also manages Roberto Duran's latest career. "Bowe fought Phil Brown in his 25th fight, and Jorge fought him in his 10th. The first real guy Bowe faced was Tony Tubbs, and I think Bowe lost that fight. Jorge has taken out the guys that no one else can. He knocked out Mike Evans in the second and stopped Mike White in four."

Maybe so, but we're not exactly talking future hall of famers.

Regardless of his recent opposition, Gonzalez was truly an exceptional amateur. He held world titles for eight years and dethroned legendary countryman Teofilo Stevenson. He beat Bowe and Lewis on consecutive nights at the 1987 Pan-Am Games. In fact, he knocked Big Daddy to the canvas three times!

Having suffered from limited exposure, Gonzalez was showcased on the undercard of Bowe-Hide against Bryan "Bam Bam" Scott, a fighter who reportedly prepared for the bout without a trainer or sparring partners. It showed. The Cuban opened huge cuts on both sides of Scott's face early in round one, and the bout was stopped by referee Tony Gibson at 2:34 of the second.

The 30-year-old Gonzalez' best assets are his size and his jab. The tuft of hair growing on the back of his head contrasts with his shaven skull and, taken with his Ming the Merciless goatee, makes him appear more suited for pro wrestling than boxing. His antics in the ring reinforce that impression, as he often turns away from his physically overmatched opponents to gesture to the crowd. While most observers have been harsh in their opinions, others prefer to wait.

"He hasn't really fought anybody," Muhammad said. "You never know what he's got until you put someone in front of him. It looks like he can punch."

For his part, Bowe has seemed alternately amused and annoyed. Both heavyweights attended the press conference following Bowe-Hide, and in a universal language, managed to exhibit a great dislike for one another. It's turning into a good, old-fashioned grudge match.

"I'm gonna whup you, then I'm gonna whup Fidel Castro!" Bowe promised, clearly enjoying the spotlight. After treating the crowd to his Tony Montana imitation from *Scarface*, he became somewhat serious.

"He's a big, old, slow bum, that's all," he said of his future foe. "He'll be easy to hit."

Unable to respond to Bowe's taunts in English, Gonzalez made a move as if to go after his rival, but was immediately calmed by his camp as a half-dozen Las Vegas Metro police

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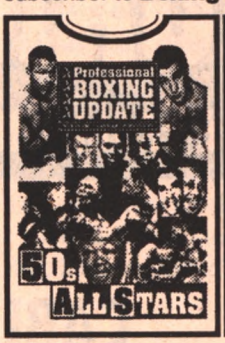

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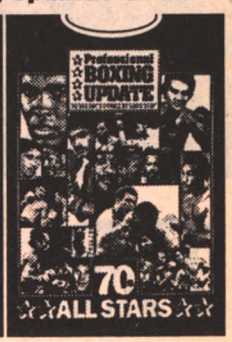

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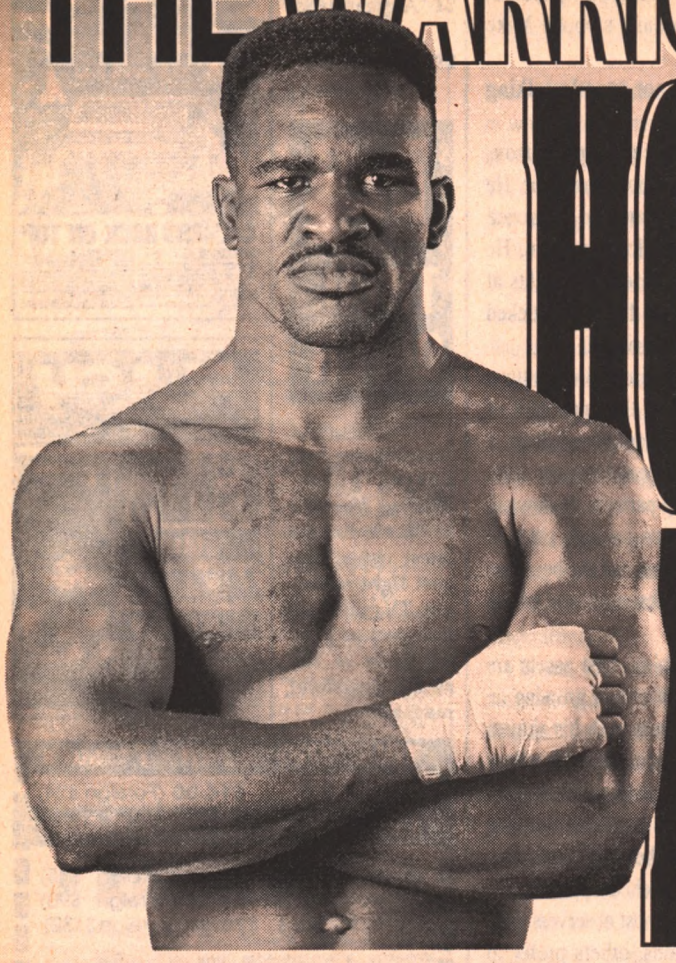

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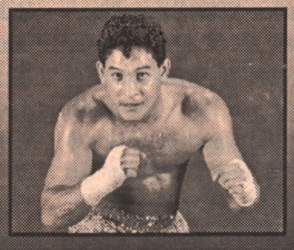

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Bowe-Hide

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officers took ready positions nearby. However, Gonzalez was able to get across one point without the aid of a translator.

"Big cow. You big cow," he yelled at Bowe. "Moo! Moo! Big cow."

While Gonzalez' language skills may need improvement, he won't be bullied by Bowe, verbally or physically. That alone makes him different from Donald and Hide.

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At this point, Bowe is indeed on his way back. Back from a recent history of lethargy and cheap shots. A fight with Gonzalez could be another step back to the top, but it also has the potential to be a disaster.

Remember when Tommy Morrison's loss to Bentt cost him a $7-million showdown with Lewis?

Newman has promised $60-million apiece for Bowe and Tyson.

How's that for motivation? ■

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What If . . .

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Considering that Burley went 3-3-1 against Williams, he must have been darn near perfect, too.

While impressive, Burley's career numbers are a tad misleading. His record, 84-11-2 (50) with 1 no-contest, doesn't reveal that he was never stopped. Or that among his decision losses were two bouts vs. the great Ezzard Charles, three vs. Williams, and one vs. light heavyweight contender Jimmy Bivins. Or that his wins included a sixth-round knockout of heavyweight J.D. Turner, a devastating puncher who outweighed Burley by 100 pounds. Billy Soose lost to Burley, as did Fritzie Zivic (twice).

Why, then, when the roll call is sounded for the great middleweights, isn't the name of Burley included with Sugar Ray Robinson, Jake LaMotta, Stanley Ketchel, Harry Greb, and, more recently, Carlos Monzon, Emile Griffith, and Marvin Hagler? Mostly because Burley was never a titleholder. Like heavyweights Sam Langford, Harry Wills, and Sam McVey before him, and contemporaries Williams and Lloyd Marshall, Burley was handicapped by the color of his skin. Good black fighters had a tough time getting fights; great black fighters found it even more difficult. The exceptions, Joe Louis, Henry Armstrong, and Robinson, managed to transcend the sport.

Speaking of Robinson, while Burley was toiling near the smoky steel mills of his native Pittsburgh, fighting anyone from middleweights to heavyweights, Robinson was inexorably marching through the welterweight division. The brilliant Sugar Man began his professional career by reeling off 40 consecutive wins. A decision loss to LaMotta, from whom he would eventually win the middleweight title, interrupted the streak. He didn't lose again for nine years. At one point, Robinson had suffered one loss in 125 bouts. But the fighter who surely deserves the title of the best ever, pound-for-pound, never traded punches with Burley.

This isn't to suggest Robinson was afraid of Burley. LaMotta never fought Burley, either, nor did Rocky Graziano, Tony Zale, or Marcel Cerdan. These fighters didn't duck Burley out of fear. Rather, call it smart matchmaking on behalf of their managers. The fact is that everyone respected the skills of Burley, and no one was in a hurry to climb into the ring with him. So Burley waited and waited, and Robinson became a legend.

THE WAY IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN

September 1948: Robinson has defended the welterweight title three times and just beaten an aging Kid Gavilan in a non-title tiff. After dominating the 147-pounders for seven years, Sugar Ray is beginning to look for a new mountain to climb. Brilliant Frenchman Cerdan has wrested the middleweight crown from a game but shopworn Zale, and the time looks right for the 27-year-old Robinson to consider a rise in weight. What Robinson needs is a test—a *true* test—that will tell him how he'll fare against the best the 160-pound class has to offer.

Like the rest of the boxing world, Burley has watched Robinson's star ascend. Having just turned 31, Burley needs a major win to secure a title shot. Though still very close to his prime, he senses his time is running out. He clearly needs Robinson.

At a press conference in New York City, George Gainford, Robinson's chief handler, says, "LaMotta don't want him and Cerdan ain't looking his way, but Ray Robinson's gonna take on Charley Burley. And he's gonna do it in Burley's backyard, 12 rounds at Forbes Field next month in Pittsburgh."

Robinson rises to a round of applause. "You all know how much I like fine clothes," he says, a smile never leaving his face. "I've decided I need to accessorize, and I'm looking for a new belt. I think some French guy's wearing it now. Charley Burley is a great fighter. He's too much a gentleman to say it, but you know those other guys have been duckin' him. But if I'm gonna be middleweight champion—and I'm gonna be—then I might as well find out what it's going to take by fighting one of the best. So me and Charley will be warming up Forbes Field in mid-October. Hope to hell it don't snow!"

Burley's turn at the microphone lasts exactly two sentences: "I'd like to thank Ray Robinson for taking this fight. After I win, they'll have to give me a shot at the title."

The fight, scheduled for 12 rounds, is billed as an official title eliminator.

THE FIGHT

Round 1: The fighters' mutual respect is immediately apparent; both feature movement and probe with jabs. Robinson, 152, moves his upper body from side to side, inviting a Burley lead. Instead of punching, Burley, 154, mirrors his opponent's movement, feinting but refusing to lead. Burley lands a jab, the first scoring punch of the bout. Robinson dances and Burley stalks him. Robinson suddenly sets himself and fires a beautiful three-punch combination. Burley quickly counters with a hook to the head.

Round 2: Neither fighter looks especially sharp. As a matter of fact, Robinson looks downright lethargic. In a battle of jabs, neither fighter is willing to take the initiative. The crowd is booing. Burley blocks a lead right and catches a hook on his arm. Referee Ray Miller moves in to separate the fighters. Both score with jabs.

Round 3: Burley looks like he's finally broken a sweat. Burley lands a right, then hooks to the body and tags Robinson with a straight right. Robinson takes a half-step back. Sugar Ray answers with a combination, but none of his punches lands cleanly. Burley snaps back Robinson's head with a hard jab. Robinson begins circling the ring. Burley pursues—and walks into a jab and a hook to the midsection. Burley counters strongly again, this time with a short uppercut and a hook to the head.

Round 4: Burley looks particularly confident. Robinson, ineffective but apparently not

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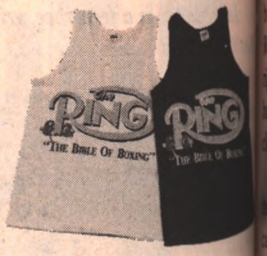

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What If ...

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frustrated, wings a wide right. Burley slips ...ck and catches Sugar Ray with a short right ...the chin. Robinson is hurt! He immediately ...ks back, and a brief exchange ends with ...binson going down, the result of a hook-right ...bo. Robinson rises at the count of six. ...ley pursues, but Robinson's feet keep him ...of further trouble.

Round 5: It's been all Burley, and Robinson ...esn't appear to have the answers. Burley ...ns with his sterling jab. Robinson connects ...h a left to the body, then neatly brings it up ...the head. A right shakes Burley and forces ...m to hold. Burley again scores with an upper-...t. Robinson steps outside and connects with ...e straight jabs. Burley misses with a counter ...the bell.

Round 6: Robinson finally seems ...cracked. Perhaps trying to regain control, ...ley accelerates. Burley walks in and cuts ...se with a barrage. Robinson covers up well, ...t absorbs some punches to the body. ...binson fakes a jab, takes a half-step to the ...ght, and lands a big right cross. Now Burley is ...rt. Robinson fires with both hands. Burley ...inches, then resists Miller's intervention.

Round 7: Robinson is now the aggressor, ...ough Burley's counters keep him somewhat ...utious. Neither fighter connects with any ...werpunches. Robinson sneaks in a jab. ...dging from the fans' reaction, they want a ...wl, not a chess match.

Round 8: Midway through the round, ...binson is flatfooted and stationed in ring-cen-...r. Burley begins to deliver a right, but Sugar ...y beats him to the trigger and lands flush. ...binson follows with a pair of hooks. Burley's ...ver been stopped, but he's clearly hurt. ...binson pours in six unanswered blows. ...rley shows a champion's heart by punching ...ck. What follows is the hottest action of the ...ght, with the rivals swapping punches until the ...ll.

Round 9: Burley shows a small cut under ...s right eye. Robinson initiates the action, scor-...g with a jab. Burley steps inside and forces a ...linch; he seems slightly fatigued. Another ...linch ends a slow round.

Round 10: Burley's corner shouts instruc-...ions between rounds. He starts strongly, scoring ...with a straight right, then doubling up on his hook. Robinson lands his own hook, but Burley breaks through with a right uppercut. Robinson reaches to clinch. Robinson hits on the break as the bell sounds.

Round 11: Sensing the fight is still to be won, Robinson starts quickly. He scores with a combination, a jab, and a wicked body shot. Burley is forced to hold. Now it's Burley's turn. He lands a right, but Robinson counters with three ripping shots to the head. Burley is pinned against the ropes. Robinson mauls him until Burley spins away.

Round 12: Both fighters look tired, but Burley is far more battle-scarred. Robinson, on the other hand, is unmarked. Sugar Ray counters a jab with a straight right and Burley seems ready to fall. Instead, he again punches back, though missing badly. Robinson hooks to the body at the sound of the final bell.

THE DECISION

Both fighters raise their arms in anticipation of victory, then embrace. Robinson parades around the ring, while Burley returns to his corner. Finally, after what seems like an interminable wait, ring announcer Jimmy Lennon takes the microphone: "Ladies and gentlemen, after 12 rounds of world-class boxing, judge Pete Tomasco scores six rounds to four, with two even. Judge Buck McTiernan sees the fight at five rounds to four, with three even. And referee Ray Miller has it seven rounds to five for the winner by unanimous decision, *Sugar Ray Robinson!*

THE AFTERMATH

A tired but happy Robinson greets the press with a smile. "Bring on Cerdan or Jake again, whoever," he begins. "I just fought the toughest middleweight out there. Hey, I'm just glad he's not three years younger. He's a great fighter."

"No excuses," says Burley minutes later. "I thought I fought a good fight, but so did he. The man can hit, no doubt about that. Do I think I won? Honestly? No. Ray beat me, but it was real close. I'd sure like to do it again." ■

Acero-Sanchez

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For Acero-Sanchez, there was another reason to leave. He grew up in a small hut along the side of the Duarte Bridge, living with his

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Acero-Sanchez

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parents, two brothers, and sister. His mother owned the neighborhood water concession, selling her product for 40 cents a week.

"We were very, very poor," Acero-Sanchez says. "I send everything to them that I can."

As children, Hector and his brother Fernando, who is a pro welterweight, often fought for what they got—and what they got most often was beaten up. Their parents finally escorted them to a local gym, and they immediately decided they had a future. Hector was an amateur champion by age 15. He represented the island in international competition from 1986 to '89, and compiled an overall amateur mark of 197-8. Fernandez says he's going to bring Fernando to the USA later this year.

Acero-Sanchez developed a style that is best described as early Pernell Whitaker, with two big differences. Firstly, he isn't a southpaw. Secondly, at 5'7", he is tall for a bantamweight/junior featherweight. He turned pro at the former weight in 1989, and won his first 23 bouts before suffering an 11th-round kayo defeat at the hands of Jose Garcia in a showdown for the national 122-pound crown. He followed with four straight wins before coming to New York. Upon relocating, he went an unimpressive 3-1-1, losing to Frankie Toledo and drawing with Eddie Croft. He was slick and quick, but he seemed so weak and frail, and there was little reason to project him as a future world champion.

That's apparently how Tracy Patterson saw it, too. Last August, Patterson, then the WBC super bantamweight champion, defended against Acero-Sanchez at Bally's. "My confidence level was extremely high," Acero-Sanchez recalled. "I knew they were looking at me as a steppingstone, a skinny fighter who couldn't punch at 122 pounds. Deep down inside, they thought they had an easy fight."

If so, it didn't take long for Patterson to find out otherwise. Acero-Sanchez, whose kayo percentage of .625 belies his reputation as a featherfisted stylist, dropped the champion with a left hook in the second round and proved sufficiently elusive down the stretch en route to winning a split decision.

"For the Patterson fight," Acero-Sanchez said before squaring off with Gervacio, "I wasn't in as good shape as am I now. I know I'm fighting a good fighter. But seven years ago, when Gervacio was champion, he was devoted to boxing. Now he's trying to revive the old Julio Gervacio."

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Until united by the madman with the flag, the fighters, who were mutually cordial before the bout, offered a striking contrast. The dark-skinned Gervacio, 27, but seemingly much older, cranked up the tape player and danced and shouted in his dressing cubicle with IBF welterweight champion Felix Trinidad. (Felix Sr. trains both fighters.) When the challenger made his ring walk, he wore a pair of black Star Trek sunglasses. Maybe he thought the fight was outdoors. Or maybe he forgot the appropriate attire; he hadn't fought in 13 months, for which he and manager Yamil Chade blame Gervacio's promoter, Don King.

Across the room, Acero-Sanchez, 24, but seemingly much younger, lay silently on the floor, his feet elevated on a chair. The champion could pass for a teenager. In fact, officials at Bally's issued him a pink pass that declared him of legal gaming age so he could walk through the casino during his stay at the hotel.

At the sound of the opening bell, it was apparent that Gervacio, 122, planned to walk through Acero-Sanchez, 122. Aware that Gervacio viewed him as a classic counterpuncher, the champion was concerned his opponent would strategically assume the role of matador, and not bull. But by the end of the first round, the terms of battle had been established: Gervacio would step in behind a high guard, and Acero-Sanchez would rely on his spindly young legs.

In the second and third, Acero-Sanchez established the fact that a boxing match would be no contest. He controlled both the pace and the ring, popping jabs, moving side to side, and, most importantly, making the challenger miss. (In round two, Acero-Sanchez slipped a lead hook and Gervacio almost fell on his

The fourth saw Acero-Sanchez, 3 (20), on the ropes for the first time Gervacio, 30-4-2 (23), briefly capitaliz mauling and firing to the body. That fore owed the fifth, Gervacio's finest stanza a only time he looked like a winner. Borin he connected with a power hook and a and Acero-Sanchez fell against the ropes, denly looking like the vulnerable boy wh been bullied along the Duarte Bridge. Gervacio snapped back the champion's with another right, Acero-Sanchez tra clinch. Then he blatantly grabbed Ger The moment came and went, with A Sanchez' legs allowing him to escape relat unscathed. When he said he was in the shape of his life, it was something more prefight bluster.

THE RING scored the fifth 10-8 for Ger All three judges, on the other hand, saw it No matter, because on one card Gervacio win another round. Acero-Sanchez punch combination to capture the sixth, and too seventh and eighth by scoring in rat-a-tat and then slickly sidestepping the challe counters.

In the ninth, a frustrated Gervacio res to trash-talk. "I would land four or five shots, and he would say, 'That's your best and you didn't move me,'" Acero-San reported later. "But that was okay; my c instructed me to just keep the jab in his face after the fifth round he never hurt me."

Acero-Sanchez seemed to lose a b power down the stretch. Gervacio won th round on two of the three cards, but that m nothing because the champion had bu insurmountable lead. Both fighters raised arms at the final bell, and afterward, Ger said he really thought he had won. Even King, who was representing Don K Productions, disagreed. So did the ju Barbara Perez (USA) scored 118-110, E Elespuru (USA) 117-111, and Kazu Kuwata (Japan) 115-113. THE RING had A Sanchez ahead by 116-111.

"That was a giant step toward my mot house," said a jubilant Acero-Sanchez. "I have more giant steps to take. I want to m sure my mother doesn't have to work an day in her life."

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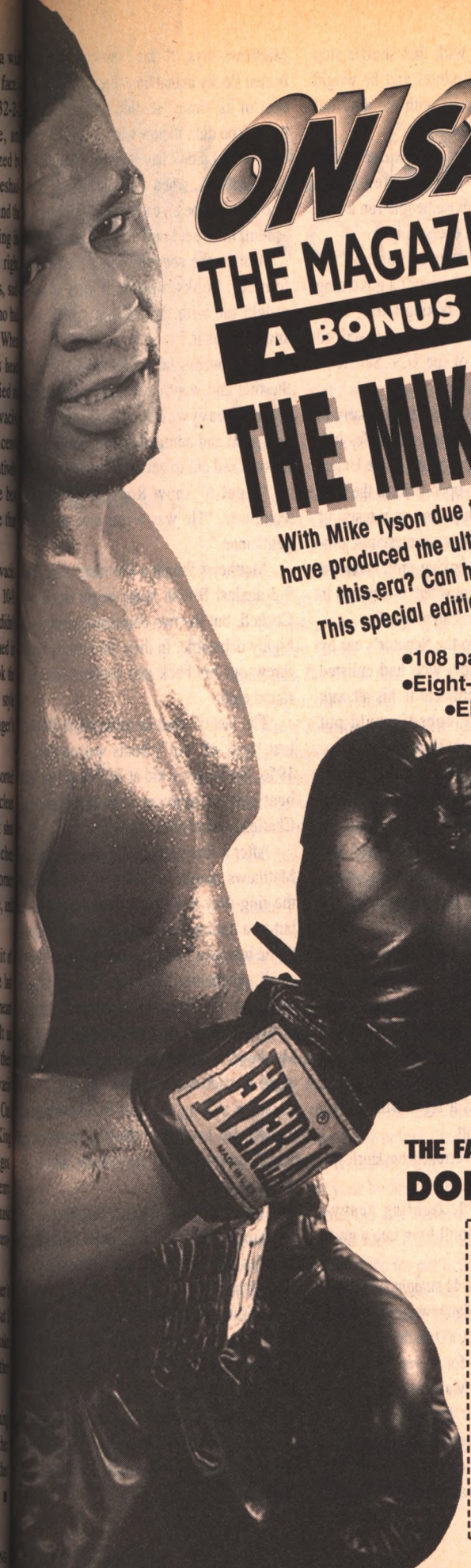

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Harry Matthews

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Years later, Hurley told *Sports Illustrated's* Jack Olsen exactly what he'd told Matthews: "First off, Harry, you gotta learn that speed is detrimental. You must get rid of that. If you get in the ring and you start moving fast, you also move that opponent you're trying to hit. You're moving him a bit faster than yourself in order for him to stay out of the way, so you are hitting at a very fast-moving target. Now if you were hunting, would you rather shoot at a slow-moving target or a fast-moving, darting target?"

Hurley went on to tell Matthews that fighters don't get paid for defending themselves, that hitting *and* getting hit are part of the game. The key, he said, was to get hit with the other guy's softest punch.

"You'll compete with a guy from Memphis," Hurley said, "and you'll jab and he'll jab, and you'll make him miss and he'll make you miss, and it's like two old women fighting over the back fence. Nobody gets hit, and nobody in the audience cares what happens."

Getting hit, Hurley insisted, was a good thing, especially when you're able to counter with three or four power shots of your own. And by allowing your opponent to hit you, you can land those three or four counters while he's coming in, which adds 50 percent to your punch.

"Watching you box, Harry, you want to land every left jab you throw," Hurley continued. "Can't you afford to deliberately waste one now and then like a pitcher that gets ahead of the batter? Then you encourage the other guy and you set him up."

It sounded good, but Matthews wasn't sure. He was having to learn a whole different style of fighting. But after months of private schooling, he became sure when he started knocking out guys in the gym, and then in real fights.

"It frightens me," he told one reporter, "to think that I knew so little. I know I'd be champ today if I'd met Jack earlier. He taught me more in 10 minutes than I learned in 10 years."

In 1950, Matthews fought and won 14 times and knocked out 11 of his opponents. It was time for a big move. Irish Bob Murphy was a brawling light heavyweight nobody else wanted to fight. Matthews met him at Madison Square Garden in March 1951.

Wrote W.C. Heinz, "The smart money bet the bundle on Murphy, and it was some licking he and they took. Matthews would draw a lead, and then he would slide with that shuffle step into one of those Hurley moves and he would belt Murphy so that the cops with the duty out on Eighth Avenue must have felt it."

Matthews was big news in boxing, but no title fight came of it. Hurley knew why: "Because Jim Norris and those people run a nice little store and monopolize everything."

James D. Norris was president of the International Boxing Club. It wasn't a governing body like the ones choking boxing today, but a promotional one whose operation was described and decried on the floor of the U.S. Senate in August 1951.

"It is a closed corporation," said Sen. Harry P. Cain, "which governs and controls the professional boxing business in most every city in the United States. It has nearly a wide-open field in the handling of championship bouts. And as a result of the monopoly it exercises over contestants, promoters, and managers, the boxing profession has reached a new low, to a point where it is ruined in the eyes of most of the American people."

That was a bug put into the Senator's ear by a constituent named Hurley, who had enlisted the aid of the federal government in his attempt at a coup. The result, he hoped, would put Matthews on the heavyweight throne.

While a natural light heavyweight, Matthews had started fighting heavyweights and beating them, including contenders Rex Layne and Freddy Beshore. The money was better, and "I found heavyweights were easier than guys my own weight," he says. "They were slower. I could get through to them."

Meanwhile, threats of a full-scale government investigation got through to Norris and the IBC, which at least temporarily headed off trouble by finally agreeing to match Hurley's "athlete," as the manager always referred to his fighter, and an undefeated heavyweight being moved by the IBC toward a fight with world champion Jersey Joe Walcott.

It was a rare, classic overreach on Hurley's part.

"I felt real comfortable fighting heavyweights," says Matthews, "until I ran into a goddamn guy like Marciano."

Rocky Marciano had won 41 straight fights, but Hurley was so convinced Matthews would whip him, he is said to have bet $10,000 on that result.

"If I listened to Hurley for a week, I'd take off 30 pounds and fight Marciano myself," joked New York restaurateur Toots Shor.

Thirty-thousand spectators were at Yankee Stadium for the fight, held in July 1952. Remembering it more than 40 years later, Matthews says, "I don't think anybody could beaten Rocky at that time. I really think he was best of all-time. He didn't do anything by book. You didn't know what he was gonna do that's why I didn't have too much luck with him.

"Actually, when I started fighting, it looked like it would be an easy fight. I felt just as strong as him. In close, I could handle him very easy.

But in the second round, "he threw three four left hooks, one right after another. caught me with the last one and dumped and that was it."

Eight weeks later, of course, Marciano won the title and went on to become the only undefeated heavyweight champion in history respected and admired by all. Including the he knocked out to get his title match.

"I got to know Rocky a little bit," says Matthews. "He was a real nice person, a gentleman."

Matthews fought a few more years. He won 0-3 against British heavyweight champion Cockell, but the two decisions against him highly debatable. In their third match, Matthews threw out his back and couldn't come out round eight.

The last of what he estimates at 200-plus lost track of 'em") bouts was on August 1956. No longer a kid at 34, but still *the* Kid, beat former heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles by decision.

After a few years in the heating oil business Matthews bought a tavern in Seattle. Spending the ring may have been detrimental to Harry but as a bartender, it was essential to Matthews. So he invented and patented the Zippy-Tender small, mechanized platform that ferried him and down the length of the bar and enabled him to do the work of three bartenders. It made Matthews a drawing card again. "People came to see me ride that machine," he says.

After selling the bar, Matthews moved Everett. He has been officially retired for more than 20 years, but he stays plenty busy as a contract locksmith.

"I can do just about anything in locksmithing," says the Kid, who proved it decades ago when he and Hurley picked lock of the IBC.

If Matthews had to do it all over again third time, he would—with one big difference. He would get to Hurley as fast as his Zippy Tender could carry him.

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BOXING COLLECTOR'S NOTEBOOK

By Don Scott

One of the most fascinating ways to collect is to attempt to amass as much memorabilia from a single fight as possible. One of the early fights advanced collectors have focused on is the July 4, 1923, heavyweight title fight between Jack Dempsey and Tommy Gibbons.

It was called "The Rape Of Shelby," as local promoters tried unsuccessfully to do for their small Montana town what Jack Johnson-Jim Jeffries had done for Reno, Nevada, exactly 13 years earlier, and Dempsey-Willard for Toledo, Ohio, just four years before.

The problem was that after building a massive 40,000-seat stadium at a cost of $82,000 and advancing Dempsey $255,000 (Gibbons received only $7,000), the promoters grossed only $202,000. The front money had been put up by the entire town, and as a result, Shelby went bankrupt.

Dempsey won the boring fight by decision, then was hustled out of town by his manager, Doc Kearns.

Murray Greig, a columnist for *Boxing Collectors' News*, invites folks to come to Shelby for souvenirs. He notes that *The Fight That Won't Stay Dead*, a book written by one of the bout's promoters, James W. Johnson, can also be purchased there.

Wrote Johnson, "Right here let me say that I never saw or spoke to Kearns or Dempsey since the fight. Many times Dempsey has been in the same town or community as me, and several times I've been invited to say hello, but declined. I've never been in Jack's restaurant in New York, but many, many times I've walked past it. Why? I don't know, except that the adverse and unfair publicity we received and the abuse we absorbed has made me want to forget the whole darn thing. I've tried to do it all along, then along comes some biased or misinformed story by some new author with everything but the truth."

A companion publication, the reprinted souvenir publication of the fight, is also available at several Shelby outlets. For information on both books, contact the Marias Museum of History and Art, Shelby, Montana 59474.

In the last few years, some interesting and authentic vintage memorabilia has surfaced. The most common thing that can be found from 1923 is the fight ticket sans the stub, which sells for about $40. Postcards made for the fight sell for about $30. A full ticket sells for about $130. There were two programs made, both of which were reprinted and can be found in Shelby. One is the official program; the cover is blue and red on white. There is also a larger souvenir program, which is meant to promote the town; the cover is ivory and brown. Either program can fetch up to $400 each.

Rarer than the programs is the large poster of the fight, which includes a seating diagram of the stadium and pictures of both fighters. That beauty may get $1,000 at auction. But the rarest of the rare is the silver bowl the town gave Dempsey before the fight. By the time you read this, that item will have sold at auction. The auctioneer's estimate is $3,000-$4,000.

Whatever your budget, there are lots of souvenirs from this fight. But for my money, the aforementioned souvenir program is the best collectible. Included are several photos, not just of Dempsey and Gibbons, but of all the town fathers who were bankrolling the debacle. One article says, "For Shelby is not like the usual run of towns which have made bids for publicity by pulling some big event and have then sunk back into oblivion." Hey, it happens. But to Shelby's credit, the townspeople have never forgotten the event and have made the most of history. After all, Shelby is still with us long after the legends that fleeced it are gone. ■

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WORLDWIDE RATINGS

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Oliver McCall (USA)	C	–	–
George Foreman (USA)	–	C	C
Tony Tucker (USA)	1	1	1
Lennox Lewis (GB)	2	7	6
Lionel Butler (USA)	3	4	12
Bruce Seldon (USA)	4	2	2
Joe Hipp (USA)	5	5	5
Henry Akinwande (GB)	6	8	9
Jorge Luis Gonzalez (CUBA)	7	–	10
Larry Holmes (USA)	8	–	–
Frank Bruno (GB)	9	–	–
Frans Botha (SA)	10	3	4
Michael Moorer (USA)	14	6	3
Peter McNeeley (USA)	12	9	–
Tim Witherspoon (USA)	21	10	–
Buster Mathis (USA)	22	–	7
Corrie Sanders (SA)	16	–	8

CRUISERWEIGHTS	WBC	WBA	IBF
Anaclet Wamba (FRA)	C	–	–
Orlin Norris (USA)	–	C	–
Alfred Cole (USA)	–	–	C
Carl Thompson (GB)	1	4	4
Robert Daniels (USA)	2	6	12
Akim Tafer (FRA)	3	5	5
Dennis Andries (GB)	4	–	–
Alexander Gurov (UKR)	5	3	6
Marcelo Dominguez (ARG)	6	–	–
Arthur Williams (USA)	7	–	10
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Duran Williams (USA)	–	8	1
Drake Thadzi (CAN)	–	9	–
Lou Del Valle (USA)	24	10	–
James Toney (USA)	15	–	5
Egerton Marcus (CAN)	–	–	6
William Guthrie (USA)	–	–	7
Greg Everett (USA)	–	–	8
Graciano Rocchigiani (GER)	–	–	9
Anthony Hembrick (USA)	19	–	10

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WBC	WBA	IBF
Nigel Benn (GB)	C	–	–
Frank Liles (USA)	–	C	–
Roy Jones (USA)	–	–	C
Frederic Seiller (FRA)	1	4	5
Graziano Rocchigiani (GER)	2	10	–
Tony Byrd (USA)	3	1	
Thulane Malinga (SA)	4	12	
Cornelius Carr (GB)	5	–	
Tim Littles (USA)	6	2	
Steve Little (USA)	7	8	
Mauro Galvano (ITA)	8	–	
Michael Nunn (USA)	9	–	
Luciano Torres (BRA)	10	5	
Mauricio Amaral (BRA)	30	3	
Vinny Pazienza (USA)	–	6	
Zafarou Ballogou (TOGO)	–	7	
Byun Gin Kang (KOR)	18	9	
Lonnie Bradley (USA)	–	–	
Tony Thornton (USA)	20	11	
Frank Nicotra (FRA)	–	–	
Gary Ballard (SA)	–	–	
Darrin Allen (USA)	–	–	
Juan Gimenez (PAR)	–	–	

MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WBC	WBA
Vacant	C	–
Jorge Castro (ARG)	–	C
Agostino Cardamone (ITA)	1	9
Julian Jackson (USA)	2	8
Richie Woodhall (GB)	3	–
Quincy Taylor (USA)	4	5
Lonnie Bradley (USA)	5	–
Joe Lipsey (USA)	6	11
Reggie Johnson (USA)	7	1
Silvio Branco (ITA)	8	–
Neville Brown (GB)	9	–
Shinji Takehara (JAP)	10	4
Peter Venancio (BRA)	–	2
Segundo Mercado (ECU)	–	3
William Joppy (USA)	26	6
Bernard Hopkins (USA)	–	7
John David Jackson (USA)	12	10
Miguel Viloria (COL)	–	–

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WBC	WBA
Luis Santana (DR)	C	–
Julio Cesar Vasquez (ARG)	5	C
Vincent Pettway (USA)	–	–
Terry Norris (USA)	1	12
Julio Cesar Green (USA)	2	2
Laurent Boudouani (FRA)	3	3
Bronco McKart (USA)	4	7
Robert McCracken (GB)	6	5
Javier Castillejo (SPA)	7	8
Carl Daniels (USA)	8	1
Paul Vaden (USA)	9	–
Winky Wright (USA)	10	4
Buddy McGirt (USA)	–	6
Paul Vaden (USA)	–	9
Darrin Morris (USA)	–	10
Gianfranco Rosi (ITA)	–	–
Keith Holmes (USA)	24	–
Raul Marquez (USA)	19	–
Rossman Henry (COL)	–	–
Simon Brown (USA)	–	11

WELTERWEIGHTS	WBC	WBA
Pernell Whitaker (USA)	C	–
Ike Quartey (GHA)	–	C
Felix Trinidad (PR)	–	–
Gary Jacobs (GB)	1	2
Larry Barnes (USA)	2	3
Andrew Murray (GUY)	3	1
Wilfredo Rivera (PR)	4	6
David Gonzalez (USA)	5	12
Buddy McGirt (USA)	6	–
Crisanto Espana (VEN)	7	5
Lonnie Smith (USA)	8	–
Jose Luis Navarro (SPA)	9	11
Oba Carr (USA)	10	7
Derrell Coley (USA)	11	4
Andrey Pestryaev (RUS)	17	8
Yori Boy Campas (MEX)	–	9
Jung Oh Park (KOR)	–	10
Roger Turner (USA)	–	–
James Hughes (USA)	–	–

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS	WBC	WBA
Julio Cesar Chavez (MEX)	C	–
Frankie Randall (USA)	–	C

...ya Tszyu (AUSTRL)	–	–	C
...el Kamau (USA)	1	3	2
...Begnaud (SA)	2	6	6
...go Pineda (COL)	3	4	1
...co Cuggi (ARG)	4	2	–
...vanni Parisi (ITA)	5	9	3
...ryl Tyson (USA)	6	11	4
...ziad Rahilou (FRA)	7	1	–
...uel Chaves (ARG)	8	–	–
...n Hale (GB)	9	12	–
...yuki Sakamoto (JAP)	10	–	–
...die Ladd (USA)	–	5	5
...ge Scott (USA)	–	7	–
...t Bo Jacobsen (DEN)	19	8	–
...gua Thobela (SA)	–	10	–
...o Rodriguez (USA)	26	–	7
...o Oliveira (USA)	16	–	8
...n Padilla (COL)	–	–	9
...seppe Sauli (ITA)	–	–	10
...GHTWEIGHTS	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
...gel Angel Gonzalez (MEX)	**C**	**–**	**–**
...zarev Olzubek (JAP)	**–**	**C**	**–**
...del Ruelas (USA)	**–**	**–**	**C**
...gel Julio (COL)	1	1	1
...n Baptist Mendy (FRA)	2	–	8
...ander Johnson (USA)	3	3	5
...mon Marchena (MEX)	4	–	9
...ardo Silva (ARG)	5	–	–
...ne Mosley (USA)	6	–	–
...ey Jakubowski (USA)	7	–	–
...lan Cervera (COL)	8	–	–
...ctor Tejeda (ARG)	9	–	–
...ne Johnston (USA)	10	–	12
...on Tejeda (ARG)	–	2	–
...yuki Sakamoto (JAP)	–	4	–
...manus Taroreh (INDO)	22	5	–
...chard Lawal (DEN)	16	6	–
...lip Holiday (SA)	11	7	2
...y Gamache (USA)	25	8	–
...n Park (KOR)	–	9	–
...ole Canoy (PHIL)	–	10	–
...o-John Molina (PR)	–	–	3
...ne Lark (USA)	–	–	4
...n Robinson (USA)	12	12	6
...ando Marimon (COL)	–	–	7
...son Palacios (COL)	–	–	10
...LIGHTWEIGHTS	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
...briel Ruelas (USA)	**C**	**–**	**–**
...aurv Hernandez (USA)	**–**	**C**	**–**
...cant	**–**	**–**	**C**
...mah Nelson (GHA)	1	3	5
...ily Alexandrov (RUS)	2	6	11
...d Hopson (USA)	3	4	2
...ne James Leija (USA)	4	7	6
...rich Johnson (TRIN)	5	8	–
...ro Gatti (USA)	6	–	3
...ony Garcia (COL)	7	5	–
...ng Soo Choi (KOR)	8	2	–
...keli Mhlope (SA)	9	–	–
...rold Warren (USA)	10	–	–
...ctor Hugo Paz (ARG)	–	1	–
...lloyd Havard (GB)	18	9	–
...kobin Yoma (FRA)	19	10	–
...ones Podroza (COL)	–	–	1
...son Rodriguez (DR)	–	–	4
...man Gutierrez (COL)	–	–	7
...ne Rangel (COL)	–	–	8
...ris Sinitsin (RUS)	12	–	9
...rnelio Locarno (COL)	–	–	10
...EATHERWEIGHTS	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
...jandro Gonzalez (MEX)	**C**	**–**	**–**
...ley Rojas (VEN)	**–**	**C**	**–**
...an Johnson (USA)	**–**	**–**	**C**
...ner Soto (MEX)	1	7	–
...vin Kelley (USA)	2	8	4
...ner Beleno (COL)	3	3	1
...ne Budillo (PR)	4	6	7
...racy Patterson (USA)	5	–	–
...ctor Lizarraga (USA)	6	–	6
...ony Green (USA)	7	–	2
...Chris Saguid (PHIL)	8	9	–
...rlos Rios (ARG)	9	–	–

Louie Espinoza (USA)	10	–	–
Yung Kyun Park (KOR)	–	1	–
Miguel Arrozal (PHIL)	–	2	3
Orlando Soto (PAN)	13	4	9
Luis Mendoza (COL)	–	5	–
Francisco Segura (USA)	18	10	8
Victor Polo (COL)	26	–	5
Daniel Zaragoza (MEX)	–	–	10
JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Hector Acero-Sanchez (DR)	**C**	**–**	**–**
Wilfredo Vasquez (PR)	**–**	**C**	**–**
Vuyani Bungu (SA)	**–**	**–**	**C**
Julio Gervacio (DR)	1	7	6
Daniel Zaragoza (MEX)	2	–	–
Jesus Salud (USA)	3	10	7
Frank Toledo (USA)	4	12	10
Reynaldo Hurtado (COL)	5	–	–
Eddie Croft (USA)	6	–	–
Jesse Benavides (USA)	7	–	–
Juan Polo Perez (COL)	8	11	–
Enrique Jupiter (MEX)	9	–	–
Maui Diaz (USA)	10	–	9
Antonio Cermeno (VEN)	–	1	–
Arnulfo Romero (PAN)	–	2	–
Ramon Guzman (VEN)	17	3	–
Orlando Canizales (USA)	–	4	4
Naseem Hamed (GB)	–	5	–
Yuichi Kasai (JAP)	12	6	–
Junior Jones (USA)	–	8	–
Tsuyoshi Harada (JAP)	–	9	–
Pablo Ozuna (COL)	–	–	1
Welcome Ncita (SA)	–	–	2
Kennedy McKinney (USA)	13	–	3
Nurhuda (INDO)	–	–	5
Victor Llerena (COL)	–	–	8
BANTAMWEIGHTS	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Yasuei Yakushiji (JAP)	**C**	**–**	**–**
Daorung Chuvatana (THAI)	**–**	**C**	**–**
Harold Mestre (COL)	**–**	**–**	**C**
Wayne McCullough (IRE)	1	8	4
Joichiro Tatsuyoshi (JAP)	2	5	–
Naseem Hamed (GB)	3	–	3
Nana Konadu (GHA)	4	6	–
Khaoyai Mahasarakam (THAI)	5	–	7
Roberto Moran (ARG)	6	–	–
Victor Rabanales (MEX)	7	–	–
John Armour (GB)	8	11	8
Cuauhtemoc Gomez (MEX)	9	12	–
Dong Choon Lee (KOR)	10	9	–
Yong Hoon Lee (KOR)	–	1	–
Johnny Bredahl (DEN)	–	2	–
Jorge Julio (COL)	15	3	10
Abraham Torres (VEN)	22	4	–
John Michael Johnson (USA)	12	7	–
Lukhin CP Gym (THAI)	21	10	–
Sergio Reyes (USA)	18	–	1
Mbuelo Botile (SA)	25	–	2
Juvenal Berrio (COL)	–	–	5
Rafael Del Valle (PR)	–	–	6
John Lowey (GB)	–	–	9
JR. BANTAMWEIGHTS	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Hiroshi Kawashima (JAP)	**C**	**–**	**–**
Hyung Chul Lee (KOR)	**–**	**C**	**–**
Harold Grey (COL)	**–**	**–**	**C**
Cecilio Espino (MEX)	1	9	–
Danny Romero (USA)	2	6	–
Jose Luis Bueno (MEX)	3	–	–
Joel Luna Zarate (MEX)	4	–	6
Gerry Penalosa (PHIL)	5	3	–
Johnny Bredahl (DEN)	6	–	–
Luis Bolano (COL)	7	–	–
Seung Koo Lee (KOR)	8	5	–
Satoshi Iida (JAP)	9	2	–
Julio Borboa (MEX)	10	–	1
Alimi Goitia (VEN)	21	1	–
David Griman (VEN)	11	4	–
Ernie Cataluna (PHIL)	–	7	–
Julio Gamboa Blanco (NIC)	–	8	–
Sol Ploenchit (PAN)	–	10	–
Jaji Sibali (SA)	–	–	2
Jose Diaz (USA)	24	–	3
Ratanachai Sor Voraphin (THAI)	–	–	4

Orlando Tobon (COL)	–	–	5
Cesar Singo (EQU)	–	–	7
Rodolfo Blanco (COL)	–	–	8
Ubadel Soto (COL)	–	–	9
Domingo Sosa (DR)	16	–	10
FLYWEIGHTS	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Yuri Arbachakov (RUS)	**C**	**–**	**–**
San Sor Ploenchit (THAI)	**–**	**C**	**–**
Francisco Tejedor (COL)	**–**	**–**	**C**
Chatchai Elite-Gym (THAI)	1	–	–
Mark Johnson (USA)	2	–	6
Hugo Soto (ARG)	3	–	–
Miguel Martinez (MEX)	4	–	12
Oscar Arciniega (MEX)	5	–	–
Isaias Zamudio (USA)	6	10	–
Jesus Zuniga (COL)	7	–	–
Chokchai 3-K Battery (THAI)	8	6	–
Raul Rios (MEX)	9	–	–
Enrique Orozco (MEX)	10	–	–
Evangelino Perez (PAN)	24	1	–
Alvaro Mercado (COL)	–	2	–
Leo Gamez (VEN)	–	3	–
Hiroki Ioka (JAP)	20	4	–
Robbie Regan (GB)	11	5	9
Aquiles Guzman (VEN)	23	7	–
Yong Soon Chang (KOR)	–	8	–
Sung Tae Lim (KOR)	–	9	–
Ferid Ben Jeddou (TUN)	17	12	1
Danny Romero (USA)	–	–	2
Chatchai Sasakul (THAI)	–	–	3
Yokthai Sithoar (THAI)	–	–	4
Abdi Pohan (INDO)	–	–	5
Jose Luis Zepeda (MEX)	–	–	7
Luis Benavidez (COL)	19	–	8
Arthur Johnson (USA)	–	–	10
JR. FLYWEIGHTS	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Chiquita Gonzalez (MEX)	**C**	**–**	**C**
Hi Yong Choi (KOR)	**–**	**C**	**–**
Melchor Cob Castro (MEX)	1	8	3
Michael Carbajal (USA)	2	2	4
Jesus Chong (MEX)	3	6	12
Saman Sorjaturong (THAI)	4	–	–
Carlos Murillo (PAN)	5	1	2
Javier Varguez (MEX)	6	–	–
Miguel Angel Granados (MEX)	7	–	–
Yong Soon Chang (KOR)	8	–	–
Eric Griffin (USA)	9	7	6
Hadao C.P. Gym (THAI)	10	5	–
Virgilio Chifundo (PAN)	25	3	–
Yuichi Hosono (JAP)	11	4	7
Puma Kanehira (MEX)	–	9	–
Pichitnoi Sithbangprachan (THAI)	–	10	–
Jesus Zuniga (COL)	–	–	1
Onewin Chareon (THAI)	–	–	5
Yani Malhendo (INDO)	–	–	8
Shiro Yahiro (JAP)	22	–	9
James Wanene (KEN)	24	–	10
STRAWWEIGHTS	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Ricardo Lopez (MEX)	**C**	**–**	**–**
Chana Porpaoin (THAI)	**–**	**C**	**–**
Ratanapol Vorapin (THAI)	**–**	**–**	**C**
Ala Villamor (PHIL)	1	2	–
Kermin Guardia (COL)	2	3	–
Andy Tabanas (PHIL)	3	4	–
Rocky Lin (JAP)	4	–	11
Osvaldo Guerrero (MEX)	5	7	–
Songkram Porpaoin (THAI)	6	8	–
Shinichi Tamaki (JAP)	7	10	–
Joma Gamboa (PHIL)	8	–	3
Seo Kjin Yang (KOR)	9	9	–
Yodsing Saengmorokot (THAI)	10	–	–
Rosendo Alvarez (NIC)	19	1	4
Jin Ho Kim (KOR)	–	5	–
Saman Sorjaturong (THAI)	–	6	–
Mauricio Pastrana (COL)	–	–	1
Oscar Flores (COL)	–	–	2
Ernesto Rubillar (PHIL)	–	–	5
Pichitnoi Sithbangprachan (THAI)	12	–	6
Surachai Saengmorokot (THAI)	–	–	7
Dominggus (INDO)	–	–	8
Jack Russell (AUSTRL)	21	–	9
Rafael Torres (USA)	–	–	10

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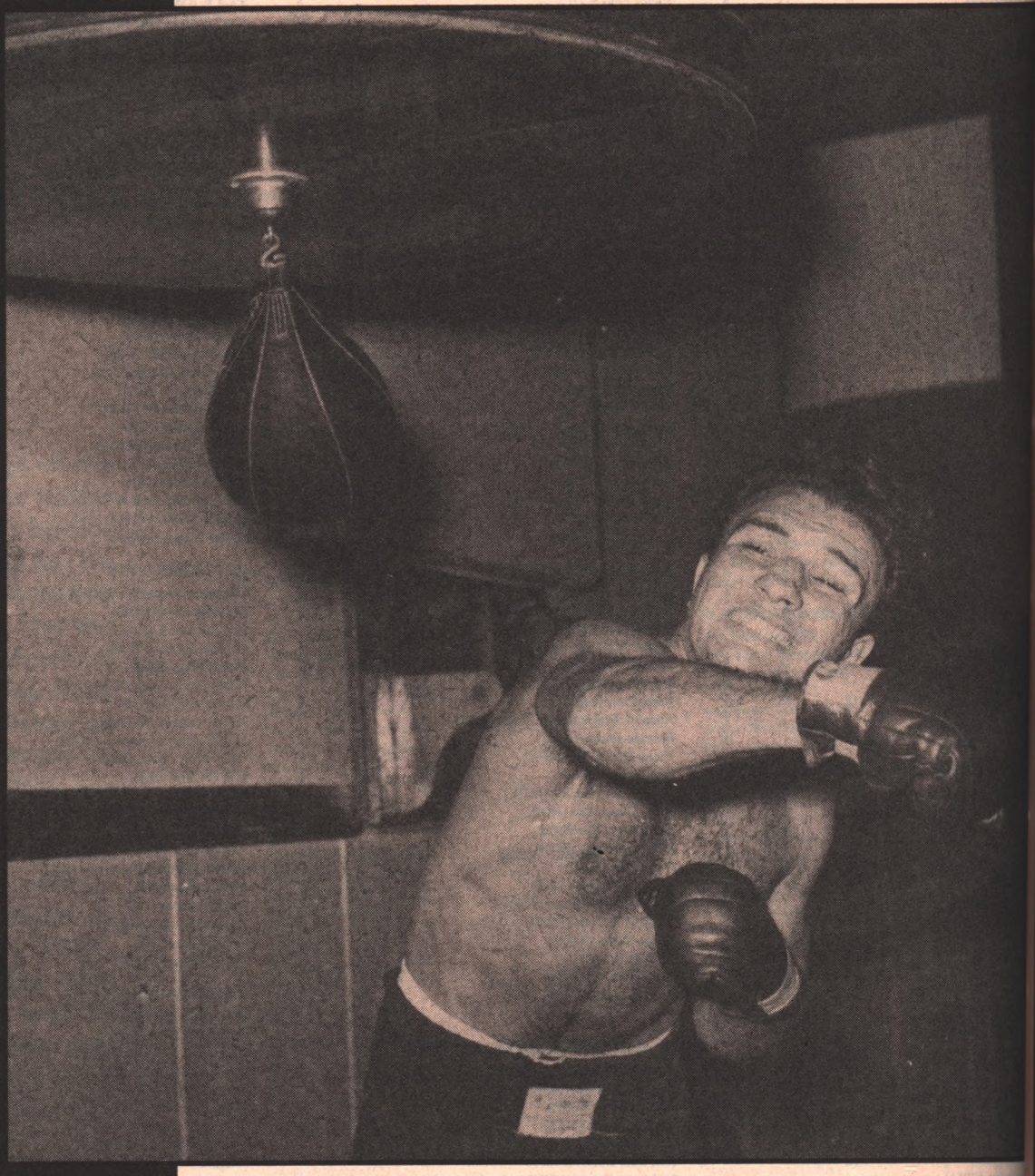
JAKE LaMOTTA



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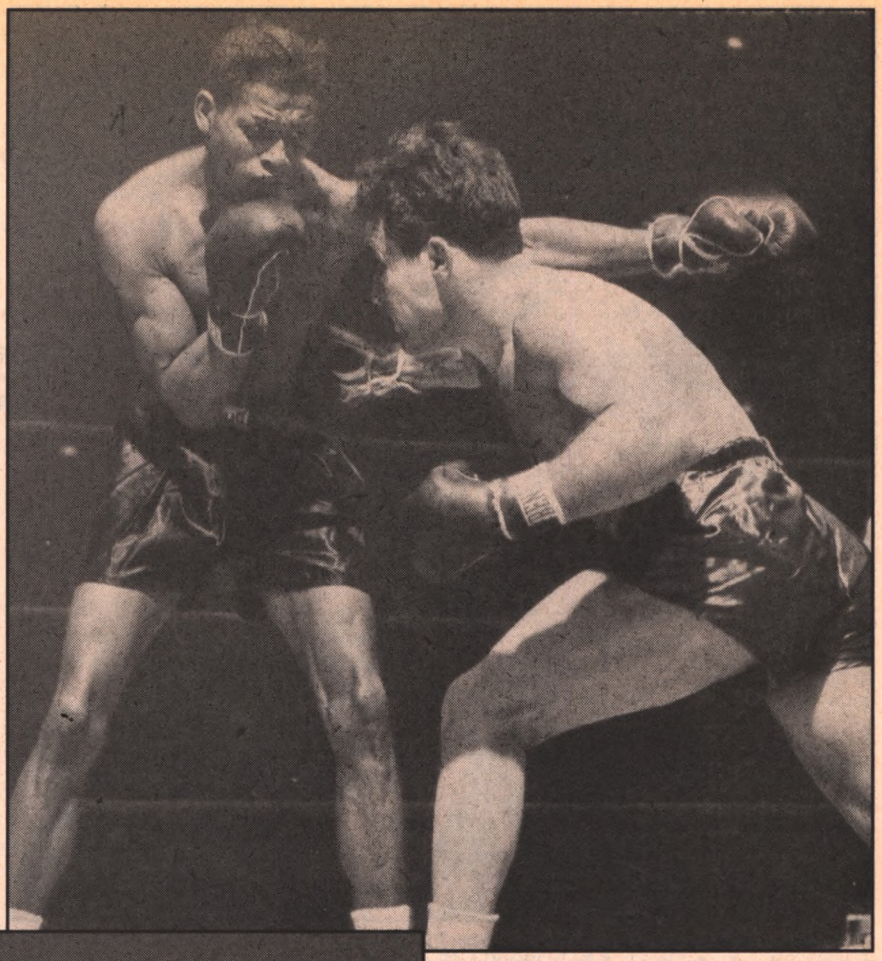
From THE RING, November 1946

y Francis Albertanti

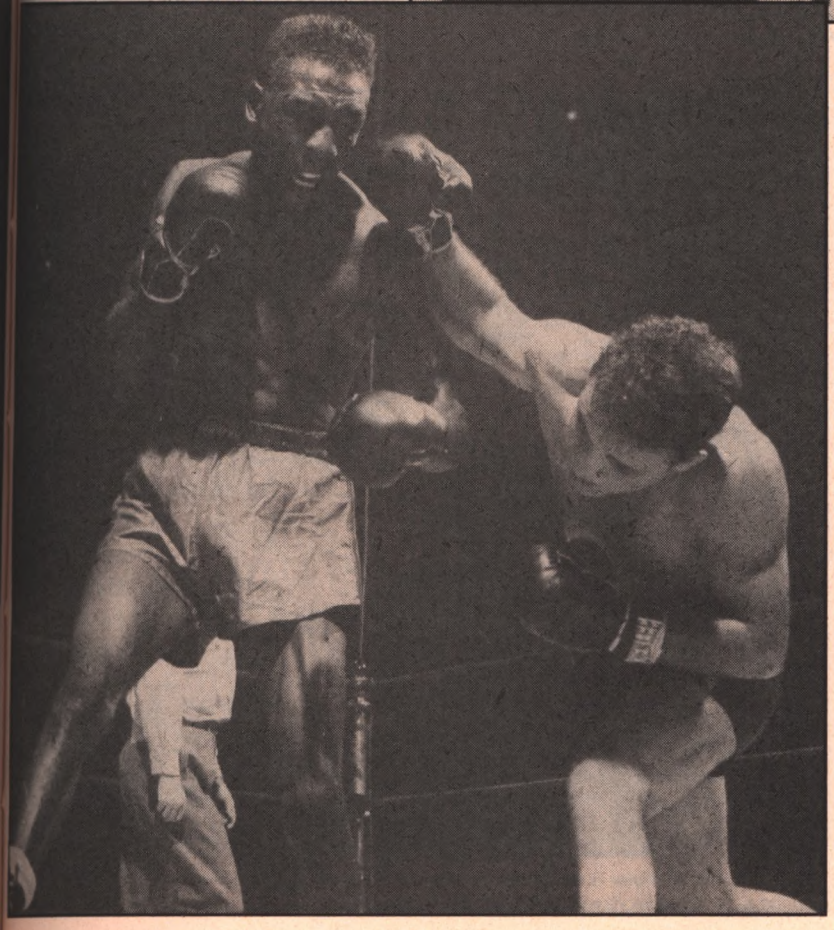
Acclaimed by THE RING, a newspaper poll, and the NBA as the number-one challenger for the middleweight championship, Jacob LaMotta is waiting on the New York State Athletic Commission to recognize his claim. Col. Eddie Eagan recently informed Jimmy Murray that the Commission was not a banking institution when the manager offered to post a $2,500 forfeit to cinch a match with title-holder Tony Zale, adding the board was not in the promotions business when Murray insisted his charge was entitled to first crack at the mythical 160-pound diadem.

The time is not far distant, however, when the Bronx assassin will he there winging for the coveted crown. He was sidetracked by promoter Mike Jacobs for the Zale encounter. The shrewd Jacobs figured Rocky Graziano, then hot as a firecracker, was a bigger draw than LaMotta.

When next summer rolls around, it is more than likely Graziano will be forced to meet his



Below: Among "The Raging Bull's" most impressive victories are his pair of points wins over world-class contender Tommy Bell. Pictured is their first battle, which LaMotta won over 10 rounds in July 1945.



Above: LaMotta has fought Sugar Ray Robinson an incredible five times. He won their second encounter and dropped close decisions in the other four bouts. Pictured: Bout number four, held at Madison Square Garden in February 1945. Robinson won a 10-round verdict.

boyhood chum, a match that fans and experts alike predict will surpass a cool half-million bucks. It goes without saying that this will be the most sensational fistic attraction in more years than your reporter cares to remember—something on the order of such famous battles as Stanley Ketchel vs. Joe Thomas, Leonard-Tendler, Johnny Dundee-Willie Jackson, Dempsey-Tunney II, Barney Ross-Jimmy McLarnin, Louis-Schmeling II, Joe Lynch-Jack Sharkey, Willie Lewis-Sailor Burke, Attell-Driscoll, and Jack O'Brien-Ketchel.

LaMotta may not be another Ketchel, but there is little doubt he is the nearest approach to "The Michigan Assassin." Fighters like Ketchel come once in a lifetime. Jake is not the giant-killer type like Jack Dillon, who mowed down heavyweights, but he has the killer instinct of Jack Dempsey, and that's saying a mouthful.

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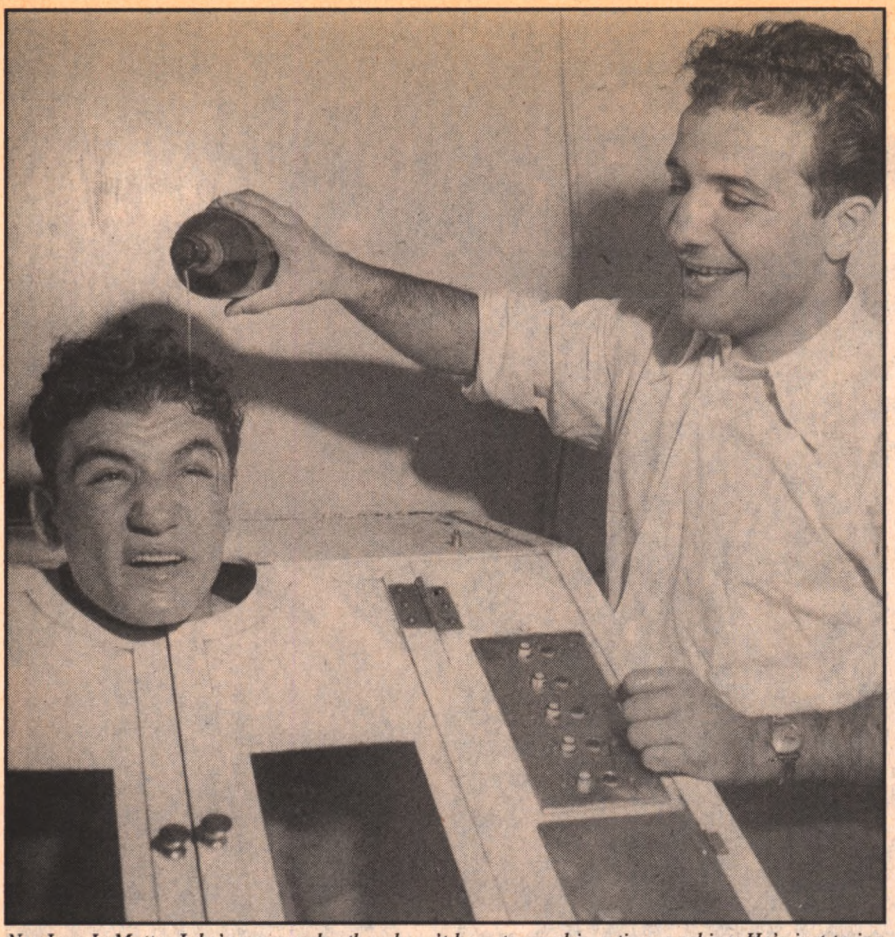
In all of his 71 professional starts, Jake has yet to disappoint the fans, and his whirlwind



No, Joey LaMotta, Jake's younger brother, hasn't been trapped in a time machine. He's just trying to make weight for an upcoming bout. While not as experienced as Jake, Joey is an impressive 33-1.

is always in condition for battle. He spend good deal of time reading scientific subjects addition to the current bestsellers. He h learned all he knows all by himself and can con verse intelligently on many subjects, prefera the atom bomb. He had a good public scho education, in addition to three grades of hi schooling, before he tossed it all aside in fa of boxing.

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LaMotta's life story reads like Horat Alger's masterpiece *From Rags To Riches*. H was born of immigrant parents on New Yo Lower East Side—10th Street and First Aven to be exact—on July 10, 1922. Many other n bles first saw the light of day in the teem ghetto, such as the late Gov. Alfred E. Sm the famous songsmiths Irving Berlin and Jer Kern, U.S. Sen. Bob Wagner, judges, m chants, bankers and brokers, and Washing legislators.

Originally, LaMotta shined shoes and s out a small living for the old homestead. Th were plenty rough for the family, his fa earning just enough to keep the heads of t children above water. Joseph LaMotta mo his wife and children to Philadelphia for a s stay and finally wound up in the Bronx.

Today, the LaMottas are living on the la the land, thanks to the flailing fists of Jacob

style of milling has endeared him in the hearts of the customers. No one has ever knocked him down, and he has proven his worth under fire. He is tireless and has plenty of heart.

Ketchel invented the famous one-two punch, which elevated to the top ranks of the 160-pound division. They've tried to copy the double-paralyzing blow, but no one has ever come near perfecting it. LaMotta carries dynamite in both hands. He weaves like Dempsey, rushes out of a crouch, and hammers the body. Once he gets in there, it takes a derrick to pry him loose from his opponent.

The crowning achievement in his five-year career was the licking he administered to Ray Robinson in a Detroit ring on February 5, 1943. He thrilled the crowd by scoring a knockdown and beating Robinson from pillar to post. He ruined Sugar Ray's collection of 41 straight victories, a feat that will long be remembered. LaMotta fought him four times more, and they were all ripsnorters.

Outside the hempen ropes, LaMotta is one of the nicest chaps you'd ever want to meet. He is shy, but once he gets under your skin, you can't help but like him. He trains religiously and

You don't think LaMotta is really reading Sigmund Freud to his 2½-year-old son Jackie, do you you ask us, the Sunday comics might be more appropriate.

...s a sumptuous home on Pelham Parkway, a ...w York suburb, and has provided handsome- ...r mother, father, and brothers and sisters. ...e has earned a small fortune and has invested ...ery penny wisely. He owns a bunch of real ...te in the Bronx, is a member of several ...rectorates, and has his hand in several well-paying apartment houses. If he hung up his gloves right now, he'd have nothing to worry about the rest of his life. He is 24, at the peak of his form, and the best years of fighting are before him.

His mother has a fine voice, and her two daughters, Anna and Marie, have inherited it. Anna is using it to good advantage in night clubs. Brother Joey, two years younger than Jake, is another threat in the middleweight division, and the baby of the family, Albert, only 16, may also join the beak-busting brigade.

It is worthy of note that Jake was turned down for service in the recent conflict because

THE RING RATINGS, *November 1946*

Marty Servo

HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champ: Joe Louis

1. Tami Mauriello
2. Elmer Ray
3. Joey Maxim
4. Joe Walcott
5. Curtis Sheppard
6. Bruce Woodcock
7. Joe Baksi
8. Lee Q. Murray
9. Jimmy Bivins
10. Melio Bettina

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champ: Gus Lesnevich

1. Ezzard Charles
2. Billy Fox
3. Archie Moore
4. Freddie Mills
5. Tommy Yarosz
6. Booker Beckwith
7. Billy Grant
8. Costello Cruz
9. Billy Smith
10. Joe Kahut

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
World Champ: Tony Zale

1. Jake LaMotta
2. Charley Burley
3. Rocky Graziano
4. Georgie Abrams
5. Jimmy Edgar
6. Artie Levine
7. Marcel Cerdan
8. Steve Belloise
9. Holman Williams
10. Al Priest

WELTERWEIGHTS
World Champ: Marty Servo

1. Ray Robinson
2. Tippy Larkin
3. Beau Jack
4. Johnny Greco
5. Willie Joyce
6. Tony Janiro
7. Tommy Bell
8. Bernard Docusen
9. Chuck Taylor
10. Charlie Fusari

LIGHTWEIGHTS
World Champ: Title Vacant

1. Ike Williams
2. Wesley Mouzon
3. Johnny Thomas
4. Bob Montgomery
5. Enrique Bolanos
6. Johnny Bratton
7. Larry Cisneros
8. Allie Stolz
9. Vic Patrick
10. Julio Jiminez

FEATHERWEIGHTS
World Champ: Willie Pep

1. Phil Terranova
2. Carlos Chavez
3. Oscar Calles
4. Miguel Acevedo
5. Jock Leslie
6. Sandy Saddler
7. Jackie Graves
8. Ronnie Clayton
9. Ray Famechon
10. Sal Bartolo

BANTAMWEIGHTS
World Champ: Manuel Ortiz

1. David Kui Kong Young
2. Cliff Anderson
3. Theo Medina
4. Luis Castillo
5. Tony Olivera
6. Bunty Doran
7. Benny Goldberg
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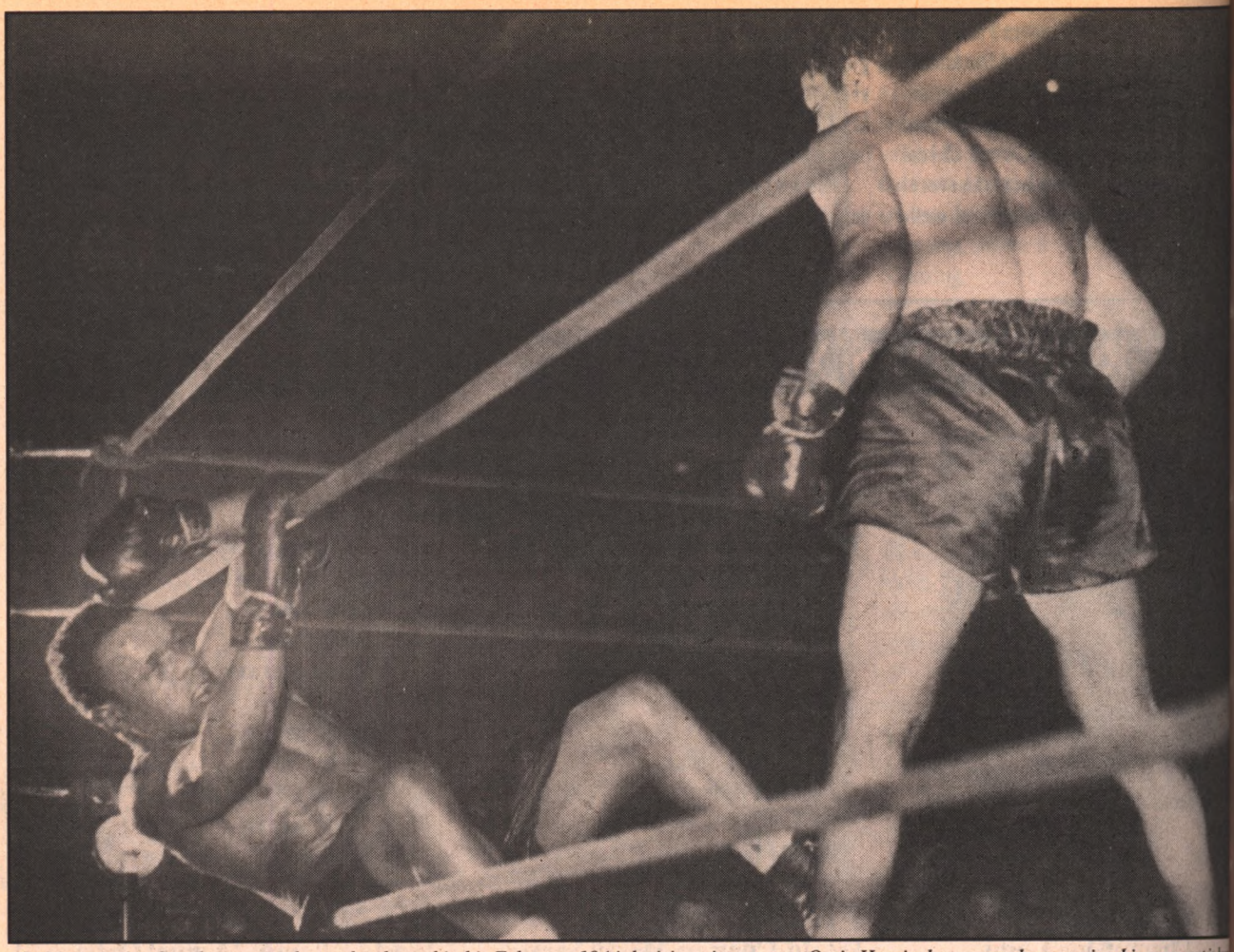

LaMotta isn't a knockout artist, but as he showed in his February 1944 decision victory over Ossie Harris, he rages when sensing his opponent is hu

of a perforated eardrum. Who should step in and take his place but Pop Guiseppi! The elder LaMotta served more than a year with distinction in the infantry. The gallant Guiseppi is 48 years old.

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As a youngster, LaMotta had many street-fights, and he conquered the toughies, which made him a sort of hero. Although he didn't know it, many well-known pugilistic lights came from the same neighborhood—Leach Cross, Willie Beecher, Young O'Leary, Frankie Madden, Benny Leonard, Charley Beecher, and a raft of others.

Jake scaled 185 for his short frame. He took up various exercises, but they didn't do him much good. So he did the next best thing and joined the Teasdale A.C. in the Bronx, where he began his boxing career. In the amateur ranks he won 21 fights, "and I had every one of my opponents on the deck," he recently reminisced.

With no more worlds to conquer in the simon-pure ranks, Jake decided to go after a shot at the coin of the realm. He celebrated his professional debut by whipping Charley Mackley in four rounds on March 3, 1941. He was a light heavyweight, having shaved off 10 pounds. Slowly but surely he kept cutting down his weight so that today he scales 160 on the head, the legitimate middleweight poundage.

Among some of his early victims were Tony Gillon, Johnny Morris, Joe Fredericks, Stanley Goisz, Lorne McCarthy, Monroe Crewe, Johnny Cihlar, Lorenzo Strickland (twice), Joe Baynes, Joe Shikula, and Cliff Koerkle. His first upset came at the hands of Jimmy Reeves in a Cleveland ring in his first year of battling.

And thereby hangs a tale. LaMotta, according to all press reports, walloped the daylights out of the Forest City favorite in 10 torrid rounds, but Reeves got one of those hometown decisions. The Cleveland folks, however, resented the unfair verdict and precipitated a riot that took almost the entire police force to quell. A free-for-all among the spectators followed, and many heads were bashed. It took LaMotta two years to get Reeves to fight him again, and in the return match, Jake sunk Reeves head-deep in the resin dust in six heats.

He lost to Nate Brooks in 10 rounds out Chicago way, for which he received the mag icent sum of $50. What a difference a few y make! Jake went on to grab three $21,0 touches against Robinson, and his share fo the victorious stand against Tommy Bell Madison Square Garden several months ago w $20,048.

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LaMotta has fought Robinson five times a they were all humdingers. In their last meeti on September 26, 1945, over the 12-round d in Chicago, Jake put up a hurricane finish earn the duke, but the officials ruled otherwi Nate Lewis, a veteran manager who saw fight, claims LaMotta received a raw deal. LaMotta ever won a fight, it was this one," sa Lewis. "He had Robinson running like a deer through the fight. Whenever he caught up w him, LaMotta landed the cleanest punches great many others in the big crowd thought same as I did. That's my opinion, and I'll st by it."

After the Bolden scrap, LaMotta went on whip Frankie Jamison, Lou Schwartz, M Dellicurti, Jimmy Edgar, Wild Bill McDow

ry Chmielewski, Ossie Harris, Fritzie Zivic, Jose Basora, Georgie chan, George Costner, who was a raging sensation in Chicago, Bert ell, Tommy Bell, Walter Woods, and Charley Parham. This year 's had five battles, beating Bell again, Mark Lockman (Kid Chicken), e Reddick, Holman Williams, and drawing with Jimmy Edgar.

His measurements follow: ankle, nine inches; biceps, 14; thigh, 2¼; waist, 32½; chest (normal), 40½; chest (expanded), 42½; wrist, ½; forearm, 11¼; neck, 16; and reach, 78½. He stands 5'7¾" in his cking feet. He wears a 7¼ hat.

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LaMotta is built like a brick tenement house. He is as durable as olling Nelson, resembles Chicago K.O. Brown in action, and is clever a sense that he doesn't take half the punishment fans think they see m absorbing.

He wades in from the tap of the first bell and keeps going at top speed ery second he is in there. He is an improved Harry Greb in that he fights eanly, although his windmill style reminds you of the late destroyer of up-nd-coming tyros. Like Terry McGovern, Jake hates the minute's rest etween rounds. He is a punishing fighter and a good finisher. Once he gets s man in a bad spot, he steps in and finishes the job at hand.

Unlike many other fighters, LaMotta doesn't gorge himself with od. He gets up at dawn, drinks a little juice, and enjoys a couple of w eggs. He doesn't drink coffee. Every morning finds him on the ad, knocking off five to six miles. He takes a rest and then prepares r a little ring work. He usually spars six rounds. Then he lays around ading books and newspapers. He doesn't eat a heavy meal until near o'clock, and then he punishes a steak, with a heaping dish of salad. is father cooks all his meals. He hasn't tasted a piece of cake in years. o desserts, just plain food. He washes down the steak with either a ttle of beer or ale. Sometimes he goes to the movies for relaxation or a Broadway show. He spends most of the time when he isn't training raising Dobermans. He is a great dog fancier.

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Originally, LaMotta's trainer, Jimmy Murray, became Jake's man-ger in February 1945, and they have made a very happy combination. urray is very loyal to his charge and manages him with a skillfulness at would do proud to up-and-coming managers. He doesn't speak ove a whisper, listens, and then makes a decision. His word is his nd, according to promoters and matchmakers the country over. Once e gives his word, the match is in. He doesn't quibble about purses. He es his case, and that's that. If Murray believes LaMotta is worth at he asks, a mule can't move him.

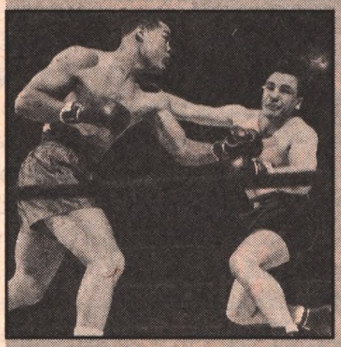
Murray was a bit of a scrapper 30-odd years ago. Like LaMotta, he me up the hard way. But he didn't fancy taking punches, so he did the xt best thing and went in for managing and promoting, and he has en highly successful. His brother Charley fought in the armories, xing such top-notchers as Panama Joe Gans and Marty Powell. nother brother, George, also engaged in a few fights. Before teaming with LaMotta, Murray promoted fights in many armories in New rk City and at Newburgh, Kingston, and Schenectady. He also pilot-such good boys as K.O. McNulty, Midget Irle, and Al Ferrera.

Murray sleeps, walks, and drinks LaMotta. He will not stay put until s pride and joy is crowned boss of the middleweight class, and then may chase Jake after the light heavyweight championship.

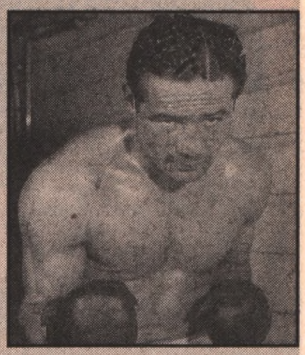
Next to the heavyweight, the middleweight division has been the st colorful in ring history, and LaMotta is keeping that great division the spotlight now. ■

THE RING, November 1946

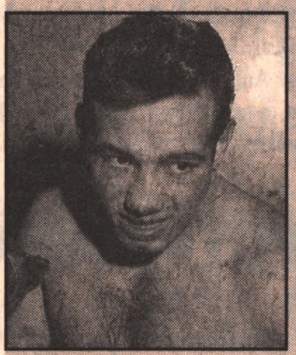
The Cover: Boxing became an international sport when American-born heavyweight John C. Heenan, the legendary "Benecia Boy," fought a 42-round draw with England's Tom Sayers in 1860. After Sayers' retirement, Heenan held the title until losing a 24-round decision to Tom King in 1863.



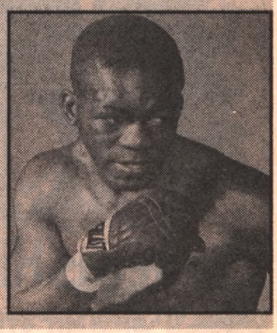
Number 23 For Louis: Ho-hum, another Joe Louis title defense. Defending the title for a record 23rd time, "The Brown Bomber" crushed Tami Mauriello in the first round at Yankee Stadium. Wrote THE RING Publisher and Editor Nat Fleischer, who reported from ringside, "... Louis continued to prove to the fistic world that he rates so high above the rest of the heavyweights that he is in a class all by himself."



Joe's Toughest Foe: The toughest opponent Joe Louis has ever met? The heavyweight champion's surprise answer is Max Baer, whom "The Brown Bomber" kayoed in four rounds in 1935. Decides Fleischer, "No author is the best judge of his own work."



Hitting The Spotlight: In a feature highlighting up-and-comers, Jimmy Thompson looks at rugged Brooklyn lightweight Paddy DeMarco, who is 11-2 and headed for the big-time. As it would turn out, DeMarco would win the world 135-pound title in 1954, dethroning Jimmy Carter before losing in the rematch.

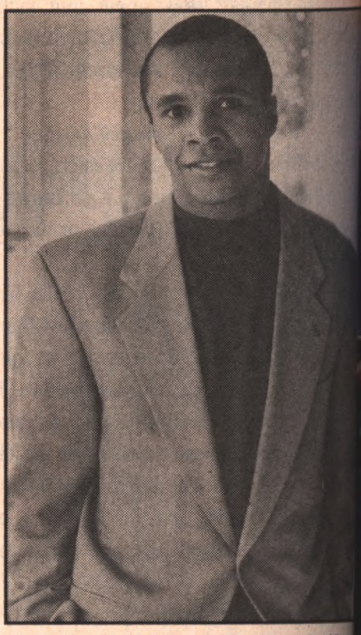


Fighter Of The Month: The co-winners are a pair of lightweights, Ike Williams (pictured), who stopped British hope Ronnie James, and Wesley Mouzon, a surprise kayo winner over Bob Montgomery. Williams and Mouzon are ranked first and second, respectively, by THE RING.

LOOKING AHEAD

By Steve Farhood

SUGAR: ONE MORE TIME?

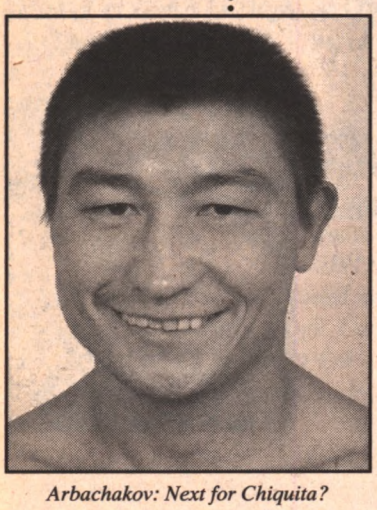


Leonard: An umpteenth comeback?

It seemed certain that after he was humbled by Terry Norris in 1991, Sugar Ray Leonard, who's made more comebacks than he's won titles, would fight no more. Now we're not so sure. In February, THE RING was told that Leonard, 38, and Vinny Pazienza had discussed a possible bout while attending a trade show in Atlanta. Their conversation was later confirmed by another source. The skeptics responded by suggesting the rumor was spread by Pazienza's manager, Bill Cayton, who was seeking to drive up Paz' purse for his June bout with Roy Jones. But what about the fact that we've heard Leonard ordered tapes of Pazienza's recent fights?

Leonard was always a master at selecting opponents, and you can be sure that if he indeed decides to return, he'll swap punches with someone like Paz, and not a Jones or ... or ...

Come to think of it, outside of Jones, and *maybe* Nigel Benn, is there anyone from 154 to 168 pounds Leonard should be fearful of? We phoned the Sugarman for a response. Not surprisingly, he didn't return our call. Stay tuned.



Arbachakov: Next for Chiquita?

LISTEN UP

Rafael Mendoza, who represents WBC/IBF junior flyweight champion **Chiquita Gonzalez**, told THE RING a showdown with WBC flyweight champion **Yuri Arbachakov** is growing increasingly likely. "A half-a-million dollars should do it," he said. "And [the Japan-based] Arbachakov is willing to travel for the fight" ... CBS will broadcast a total of 15-20 shows this year. As we went to press, the first show was scheduled for April 30 ... No more **Evander Holyfield**-to-China talks, at least for now. On May 20, "The Real Deal" will duke it out with **Ray Mercer** in Atlantic City ... Invisible man **Razor Ruddock** has apparently turned down **Ray Anis** and will instead take on **James Thunder** ... Look for IBF featherweight champion **Tom "Boom" Johnson** to next defend against the ageless **Daniel Zaragoza** ... After months of rumors, **Thomas Hearns'** challenge of WBC cruiserweight champion **Anaclet Wamba** appears set. Pass the Geritol.

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FUTURE FIGHTS

By Art Manteris

VP/Director of Race and Sports Operations, Las Vegas Hilton

Favorite	Underdog	Odds	The Skinny
Riddick Bowe	Jorge Luis Gonzalez	5-2	Bowe may be the best heavyweight right now, but that's not saying much
Mike Tyson	Riddick Bowe	2-1	Don't expect to ever see the old Mike Tyson in the ring again
Evander Holyfield	Ray Mercer	7-1	*I* may be favored over Mercer
Pernell Whitaker	Gary Jacobs	20-1	Forget it!

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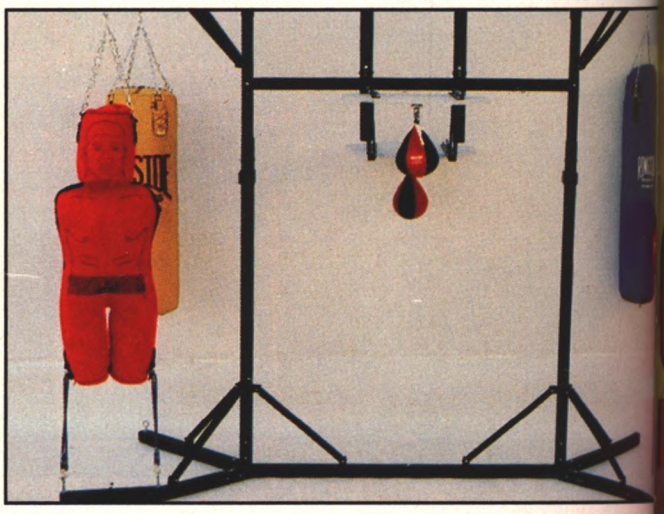

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